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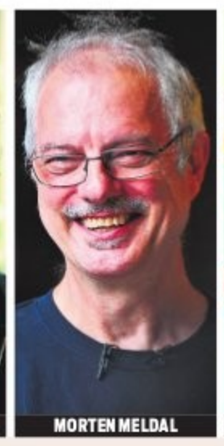
MORTEN MELDAL

BARRY SHARPLESS

3 CHEMISTS SHARE NOBEL FOR PIONEERING CLICK CHEMISTRY

Carolyn Bertozzi and Barry Sharpless of US and Morten Meldal of Denmark discovered ways to attach molecules

SCIENCE OF SNAPPING MOLECULES TOGETHER

Click chemistry involves snapping molecules together with the help of copper ions. The Nobel Committee likened it to building very advanced houses with Lego bricks. "It's the same with this chemistry, although at the very, very, molecular level," it explained. Snapping molecules together can create materials that are tailored to specific purposes | **P10**

HELPED ADVANCE CANCER TREATMENT

- Click chemistry can also be used to design better medicines, including ones that target diseases like cancer more precisely
- While Meldal and Sharpless discovered chemical buckles that could snap the molecules together, Bertozzi found ways to make click chemistry work safely inside living organisms

Second

NOBEL CHEMISTRY PRIZE FOR BARRY SHARPLESS

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Will talk to J&K people, not Pak: Shah

Says Valley is transitioning from a terror hotspot to a tourist hotspot; assures Assembly elections after roll revision

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

IN his first public rally in Kashmir after Article 370 was hollowed out, Union home minister Amit Shah on Wednesday ruled out talks with Pakistan for now while saying the Valley was transitioning from a terrorist hotspot to a tourist hotspot. He asked security forces to continue their operations to wipe out terror in J&K.

Shah assured that J&K Assembly elections would be held with full transparency after the electoral roll revision is over.

"Some people say we should talk to Pakistan. Why should we? We will not talk. We will talk to the people of Baramulla, we will talk to the people of Kashmir," Shah said while addressing a well-attended rally in Baramulla.

Referring to militancy in J&K, he said, "The Modi government does not tolerate terrorism and wants to wipe it out. We want to make J&K the most peaceful place in the country."

Asserting that terrorism has never benefited anyone, Shah said, "42,000 people were killed in terrorism in J&K since 1990. Three families (referring to Abdullahs, Muftis and Gandhis) who ruled J&K are responsible for it. Now terrorism is slowly coming to an end."

Citing data to establish how Kashmir is turning into a tourist hotspot, he said, "In the past, the annual tourist footfall in Kashmir was about 6 lakh, but till October this year, 22 lakh tourists have visited the Valley. It is an all-time high."

Taking a dig at the Abdullahs, Muftis and Gandhis, he said, "democracy was confined in J&K to three families, 87 MLAs and 6 MPs. After August 5, 2019, Modi has taken democracy to the grassroots level in all villages."

Keeping up his attack, he said, "I want to tell Farooq saheb and Mehbooba, you gave stones and guns to Kashmiri youth; Modi instead gave them laptops and mobiles by bringing industries here."

Union Home Minister Amit Shah with J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha (L), during a public rally at the Showkat Ali Stadium in Baramulla district on Wednesday | PTI

Stops speech midway after *Azaan* call from mosque

Shah stopped his speech midway after an *Azaan* call from a nearby mosque. He resumed after *Azaan* was over. On elections, Shah said, "Assembly polls in J&K will be conducted with full transparency once the Election Commission completes the exercise of publishing the revised electoral rolls. And your own elected representatives will govern here." The revision of electoral rolls is expected to be over by November 25

TRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao reads a resolution of the party's general body to change its name to Bharat Rashtra Samithi, in Hyderabad on Wednesday | PTI

Telangana off, now call it Bharat Rashtra Samithi

V V BALAKRISHNA @ Hyderabad

THE ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) in Telangana on Wednesday began to shake off its regional image by rechristening itself as the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS).

The TRS general body that met in the morning, adopted a resolution to convert itself into a national party. Its constitution was amended accordingly.

Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) read out the resolution at 1.19 pm, the most auspicious time of the day as per the almanac, in the presence of JD(S) leader and former Karnataka chief minister H D Kumaraswamy and Tamil Nadu's Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi leader Thol Thirumavalavan. The party will submit a copy of the resolution to the Election Commission of India shortly.

The BRS will initially be launched in Maharashtra with its affiliated farmer association setting up its units there.

KCR had announced his national foray six month ago to counter the lopsided policies of the BJP government at the Centre. He intends to showcase his Telangana model as an alternative ahead of the 2024 polls.

It is not clear yet whether the BRS would want to forge a poll pact with the Congress. Both the BJP and the Congress are its main rivals in Telangana. Also, Assembly polls in Telangana are due next year.

"Today's meeting was an internal one. Leaders from various other parties will be invited to an event to launch the party," KCR told the gathering.

RSS chief calls for entrepreneurial skill development

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

RASHTRIYA Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on Wednesday said people should develop entrepreneurial skills rather than depending on government jobs.

"For a country as populous as Bharat, it is a natural expectation that economic and development policy making should be employment-oriented. "But employment does not mean simply jobs, this prudence should expand in our society," said Bhagwat in his annual Dushera address in Nagpur.

"Enterprise-oriented actions have to be encouraged. Setting up of decentralised employment training programmes in every district, job opportunities in home districts, development programmes in villages as also education, health, ease of travel — these are common expectations from the government."

He also pointed out that population control and religion-based population balance are important subjects that can no longer be ignored. "The population policy should be applicable for all. Public awareness campaigns will be required for creating a mindset of total observance of this policy. Only then rules on population control will yield results," he added.

Growing population can also be an asset, Bhagwat said. "We are at the stage of demographic dividend and this should work in our favour. China managed to control the population by implementing strict policies but now its population is old. Realising that they are now encouraging a two-child policy," he said.

He said scare-mongering was being done that there was a danger to minorities, but asserted that this is neither the nature of the Sangh nor of Hindus. The Sangh, he asserted, resolves to stand on the side of brotherhood, amity and peace.

"There should be no recurrence of Udaipur and Amravati incidents (where a tailor and a pharmacist were killed after they supported suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma), Bhagwat said, adding that a particular community as a whole should not be taken as the root cause for it.

Empowering women

Bhagwat also laid emphasis on women's empowerment and said society cannot progress without women. He also said the concept of Hindu Rashtra is now being taken seriously

Confident of winning top post: Kharge

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI @ Kalaburagi

Veteran Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge said on Wednesday that he is confident of winning the election to the post of AICC president.

Speaking to reporters before leaving to Mysuru where he will join Congress president Sonia Gandhi and party leader Rahul Gandhi in the party's ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra, Kharge said many state PCC unit leaders and senior party leaders were present when he filed his nomination papers which is an indication that there is an overwhelming support for his candidature.

Kharge also ruled out the possibility of his return to state politics as a chief ministerial candidate by saying, "I am a sincere worker of Congress, which made me a Union minister twice and also leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. Now, as many leaders are backing me for the post of AICC president, what more can I expect", he said.

He also declined to comment on rumours that his supporters were urging his rival for the Congress chief's post, Shashi Tharoor, to withdraw his papers. P4

TRUMPET OF TRADITION

Elephant Abhimanyu carries the 750-kg golden howdah at the Jamboo Savari during Dasara celebrations at Mysuru Palace on Wednesday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Cybercrime: CBI arrests 16 in K'taka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

In a major crackdown on transnational organised cyber crime gangs in India, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in coordination with state police forces, conducted searches at 115 locations across the country. In Karnataka, 12 places were searched and 16 people have been arrested.

The exercise, named 'Operation Chakra', was launched on Tuesday in Karnataka, Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, Assam, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh and Haryana, with support from police forces of these states and Union Territories. The CBI also coordinated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of the US, Interpol, Canadian Police, Australian Police and other private corporations for the operation.

In Bengaluru, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths carried out the operation in connection with 15 cases registered in various CEN police stations.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Raman Gupta said it was a well-coordinated exercise with the CBI. He said, "The nature of crimes include allurement of jobs, OTP frauds, cheating people by creating fake profiles on social media, cheating and harassing people by offering loans through Chinese applications and non-banking financial companies." P3

DIGITAL DETOX

Unique mobile, TV ban near Belagavi village for social bonding

TUSHAR A MAJUKAR & C A ITNALMATH @ Belagavi

THE increasing use of smartphones and other gadgets has hit the social life of people hard. It is gradually diluting the care and affection between human beings who earlier visited each other's homes, caught up with friends and organised family and village get-togethers. Many children have even stopped playing on the streets and playgrounds because of the addiction which affects their healthy upbringing.

With an aim to revive the ages-old traditions, residents of Vadgaon at Sangli in Athani, a small village on Karnataka-Maharashtra border, have decided to ban television and mobile phones in their village from 7 pm to 9 pm everyday.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Vijay Mohite, President of Vadgaon Gram Panchayat (GP) said that during the Covid pandemic, parents were forced to provide smartphones to their children to avail online education. The home-schooling has now made students addicted to gadgets. As a result, many students now misuse their smartphones without the knowledge of their parents, he said.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

The gadget and TV addiction forced the Vadgaon Gram Panchayat to pass a resolution, as per which a loudspeaker has been installed on top of a temple in the village, which sounds a siren twice, at 7 pm and at 9 pm respectively.

When the siren goes at 7 pm, villagers switch off their TV sets and smartphones and step out of their homes to interact with each other, said Mohite.

Now members of several Gram Panchayats from Karnataka and Maharashtra are visiting Vadgaon to see the public response to the initiative.

Sunil Cholekar, office superintendent of a private college in Belagavi said, "Villagers of Vadgaon have taken a very wise decision. It is the need of the hour. Hope other villages and cities replicate it too".

EXPRESS READ

Poaching plan of doctor, two TN residents foiled

Bengaluru: Alert Karnataka forest department officials stopped a group from Tamil Nadu, including an MBBS doctor, from poaching. The three have been arrested on charges of trespassing and poaching inside Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary in Chamarajanagar. The trio were seen roaming barefoot with weapons and torches, in a CCTV footage. P5

Siddu to BJP: Don't politicise Mesta death

Bengaluru: After the CBI filed a 'B-report', mentioning that Paresh Mesta's death was accidental, which contrasts BJP's claim that he was a victim of a communal incident, former CM Siddaramaiah attacked the BJP, saying, "Don't do politics over anyone's death." It's high time the ruling party stopped playing politics over dead bodies, he said. P4

Brothers beat dog for attacking their pet

Bengaluru: In a horrific incident, three brothers beat a dog with wooden logs in Bhatarahalli in KR Puram. The dog had bitten another dog which belongs to the accused. Furious over this, the brothers attacked the dog which was tied inside a compound. Activists have urged authorities to take stringent action against the brothers. P3

Maha emblem on K'taka bus tickets sparks row

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

BUS passengers in Gadag were in for a shock when they noticed the emblem of Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) on the tickets issued by North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC).

Several passengers, travelling from Gadag to Dambal, Doni, Attikatti, and Mundargi have shared screenshots of the tickets on social media, flagging NWKRTC's "love" for MSRTC emblem.

This was first noticed on a ticket by a passenger in a bus run between Doni and Gadag. The emblem carries 'Jai Maharashtra' slogan. Muttu Biliyeli, a passenger, called some pro-Kannada organisations at Puttaraj Bus Stand in Gadag town. After the bus reached Gadag, the passengers, along with activists staged a protest. They said it was a serious flaw on the part of the NWKRTC officials and demanded action.

F C Hiremath, Divisional Controller, Gadag, said, "Ticket rolls were printed in Visakhapatnam and were distributed from there to Karnataka and Maharashtra. This may have happened due to some confusion. We have received 200 roll boxes and some rolls were given to the bus conductors in Gadag and Ron depots. We have directed all taluk-level officials to return such rolls. Strict action will be taken after an inquiry".

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ALMANAC TODAY
• Thursday: 06/10/2022 • Year: Shubhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana
• Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Ashwayuja • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Ekadasi 8.42 am
• Nakshatra: Dhanishta 7.53 pm • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
• Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST
Rain showers. Overcast

Sunrise 6.09 am
Sunset 6.08 pm
Moonrise 3.45 pm
Moonset 2.41 am

The dark side of celebrations: Over 200 tonnes of waste collected

Half-day work by pourakarmikas leads to pile-up; More auto-tippers to be utilised

YAKOOB MOHAMMED
@BENGALURU

WITH Dasara being celebrated with much fervour this year, as the festivities were held without any Covid restrictions, waste piled up at various places and markets has become a concern for residents. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) said that tonnes of green waste has been left uncleared at market places as more waste is expected due to the three day festival.

Speaking to The New Indian Express, Chief Marshal BBMP said the extra wet waste or green waste during Dasara could be around 500 tonnes in the Palike limits. "Today alone, we cleared 200 tonnes and the rest of the waste will be cleared by Thursday," he said.

The Palike has pressed 70 extra compactors for this purpose. The clearing work has been hit as many Pourakarmikas are celebrating the festival and contractors were engaged in puja. The chief marshal said, the waste management was affected, but this will be cleared by tomorrow.

Solid Waste Management Commissioner Harish Kumar said that waste had piled up at many places, as vendors who sold plantain stem, mango leaves and flowers have left the waste on the spot after the business was over. People leave ash gourd on the street in small areas and streets after puja.

"As our pourakarmikas are on a half-day leave, there was a garbage pile. Bigger piles were noticed at concentrated areas like market places," said Harish Kumar. He added that unlike animal waste, green waste does not stink and it will be handled well and can be used as manure after processing.

Some of the places that witnessed Dasara waste pile are KR Market, RT Nagar, near CBI R0ad, Madivala Market, Malleshwaram, Yeshwanthpura, Basavangudi and the BBMP has instructed the contractors concerned to clear it by deploying its auto tippers and compactors on Thursday and list the mounds of green waste removed.

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> Chief Marshal BBMP

1.Plantain leaves and other festive materials left at K R Market 2. Devotees take part in a procession as they arrive at Ulsoor Lake for the immersion of the idols of goddess Durga after Vijayadashami festival 3.Idols of Goddess Durga being immersed at Ulsoor Lake in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Who okayed construction on drains, HC wants to know

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru:

THE Karnataka High Court directed investigation by an officer, not below the rank of Deputy Commissioner of Police, to find out who is responsible for construction on sewage drains connecting the rajakaluve in various layouts of Sarjapura hobli, in Anekal taluk of Bengaluru Urban district.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order after hearing the petition filed by Ramaswamy and three others from Shanthipur, challenging the registration of crime by the tahsildar of Anekal taluk in 2016.

The court said the allegations in the complaint state that the government or its agencies have built a drain which carries sewage and solid waste into the rajakaluve, and leads to various lakes in the city. If that is so, investigation is lopsided and leaves much to

be desired. There is no investigation into who approved the construction of the drain, who paid for it and took approval for such construction.

The court also said it is not permissible for sewage drains to empty into rajakaluves, as apart from sedimentation and silting, there are various other adverse effects, including waterlogging. No layouts could have been sanctioned without adequate sewerage facilities being provided by the BWSSB, and if there are no sewerage facilities, suitable Sewage Treatment Plants ought to have been established to process the sewage. The National Green Tribunal order relating to the establishment of STPs at apartment complexes would apply to residential layouts too, the court added.

The court directed all departments, including the Panchayat Raj department, BBMP, Revenue department, Survey Settlement Office, KSPCB, Lake Development Authority, to cooperate with the investigation, and ordered that any additional chargesheet be submitted on or before January 2, 2023.

Suo motu PIL

Considering that the allegations will have a far-reaching impact and are of public importance, the court also directed the Registrar General to place the matter before the Acting Chief Justice for initiation of suo motu public interest litigation and directions to the government agencies concerned.

KCET: KEA counselling dates out

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AFTER numerous delays, Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has released the schedule for Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET) counselling.

According to the schedule, the document verification process will begin on October 7 and go on till October 8 at the KEA office.

Display of seat matrix and fee structure will also be made available on the KEA website on October 7. Candidates can download verification slips from the website between October 7 and 10. Option entry for eligible candidates in the order of preference will be between 6 pm on October 7 and 4 pm on October 11.

Publication of mock allotment results will be on October 13, with provision to change candidates' options (including adding, deleting, modifying, reordering or altering their options) between 6 pm of October 13 and 4 pm on October 15. Real seat allotment results will be published on October 17 after 2 pm. The last date for reporting to colleges for choice 1 candidates is 5.30 pm on October 22.

For further details check the KEA website: http://kea.kar.nic.in/

Former Lokayukta Justice N Santhosh Hegde to inaugurate seminar on media freedom

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Journalists' Co-operative Society will be organising a seminar on "Freedom of Media: Structure, Scope and Limitations" in association with Karnataka Institute for Law and Parliamentary Reform at the Press Club in the City on October 7, 2022. Former Lokayukta Justice N Santhosh Hegde will be inaugurating the event at 11 am and Advocate General Prabhulinga K Navadagi will be speaking at the event. Society's president K Raghavendra Thogarsi, Institute's Director K Dwarakanath Babu and Research Head Dr Revaiah Odeyar will be present.

Metro underpass to come up near Challaghatta depot

S. LALITHA @Bengaluru

WITH the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) depositing Rs 65.08 crore to the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) for an underpass along Mysore Road in West Bengaluru, the funds will be handed over to National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to begin the work. The underpass figures in the NHAI's corridor.

A top BMRCL official said that the underpass will come up on NH-275 at Challaghatta on Mysuru-Bengaluru Express Highway and will be integrated with the Major Arterial Road (MAR) of the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (NPKL).

The underpass will be a three-lane, unidirectional carriageway. "It will run to a total width of 11.5 metres. NHAI is likely to begin the work in November," he said.

A top BDA official said that BMRCL was yet to pay the body nearly Rs 35 crore for the land it had acquired sometime ago between the railway line here and Mysuru Road. "In addition to that, we have paid another Rs 30 crore. Since, it passes along the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway that NHAI is constructing. We have asked them to deposit the total amount to NHAI," he said.

Specifying the need for this underpass, the official said that the depot will come up between the Mysore Road and the railway line. However, work is yet to begin.

The MAR will continue as an underpass below Chellagatta Depot and merge with Mysore Road. "The MAR will be built perpendicular to the Mysore Road with which it will emerge out. When it joins Mysore Road, the left turn towards Bengaluru will be free. Bengaluru towards NPKL will be a right turn, while NPKL to Mysore Road will also be a right turn. They will made so to be synchronised," he said. "With the major industrials areas, including Kumbalgod and Hejjala, the underpass will help in easing traffic," he added.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

06TH October : One thing not many people know about in astrology is the planetary connection with days and hours. Thursday is ruled by Jupiter, a planet of good fortune, and ancient astrologers believed that the first hour after sunrise is also ruled by Jupiter. That meant that one of the most fortunate times of the week was dawn on Thursday. I'm sorry if that's not convenient!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It's impossible to completely let go of the past, however hard you try. Certain members of the family may now wish to reopen an old discussion. If so, they are responding to yesterday's colourful Moon, but you may still have to sit and listen to their out-of-date complaints.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Most of your current problems seem to stem from a clash of personalities or wills. Yet, with the Moon playing up today, you can probably correct the balance in your favour, and feel a whole lot better as a result. Don't let foolish pride get in the way of a reconciliation.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You are likely to be feeling emotionally under the weather. However, the stars are favouring extremes, so with careful attention to exercise and diet you could very rapidly begin to feel better than ever. Some people say there's no gain without pain, but you may prove them wrong!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You're difficult to fool, and you are well aware that others have been deceitful or dishonest, yet there is no reason for anger. Sometimes people just get themselves in an emotional twist, and they probably require your sympathy more than condemnation.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You may realise that not everyone shares your vision of the future. The most positive way forward at work is to treat employers and colleagues as if they're part of one vast family. Even in community or similar groups, you should base your actions on the network of emotional bonds.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Some people may be giving you less support than you expected, others may be offering more. In a sense it doesn't matter, for even if nobody was on your side, you would still manage events to your advantage. I think that everyone needs to recognise your true talents now!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
As far as personal complaints are concerned, it is a case of least said, soonest mended. There is no point in dwelling on the past, especially as the people who caused trouble may have even forgotten what they were angry about. Besides, if you can't cope with old disputes, how will you handle future ones?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Let employers and people in authority see that you are not only capable and reliable, but also that you have the best ideas. It often takes you a long time to formulate your suggestions, but no matter - you must take as long as you need to come up with the right answers. Other people may just have to wait.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There doesn't seem to be any sharp line between right and wrong. It's more a question of finding the appropriate course of action. Don't use a sledge-hammer to crack a nut, or carry on about what other people should or should not have done. The best thing you can do today is carry on with your personal chores with a minimum of fuss.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Out of all the confusion and uncertainty in close personal relationships, something of lasting value is bound to emerge. Today's sympathetic Moon, by the way, opens the door towards pleasurable rewards, self-indulgence and a surprise encounter with the past!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Someone in a position of power and authority is about to give you a break or champion your cause. It is very important indeed that you offer them a chance to speak, so avoid the tendency to shout other people down. You might even decide that they're right.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Some planets make life easy, but others couldn't be more awkward. Venus and Jupiter are churning you up emotionally, but positive planets elsewhere in your chart are enabling you to take firm decisions. The truth may hurt, but there is no avoiding it now or in the future!

Solutions to Tuesday's puzzle

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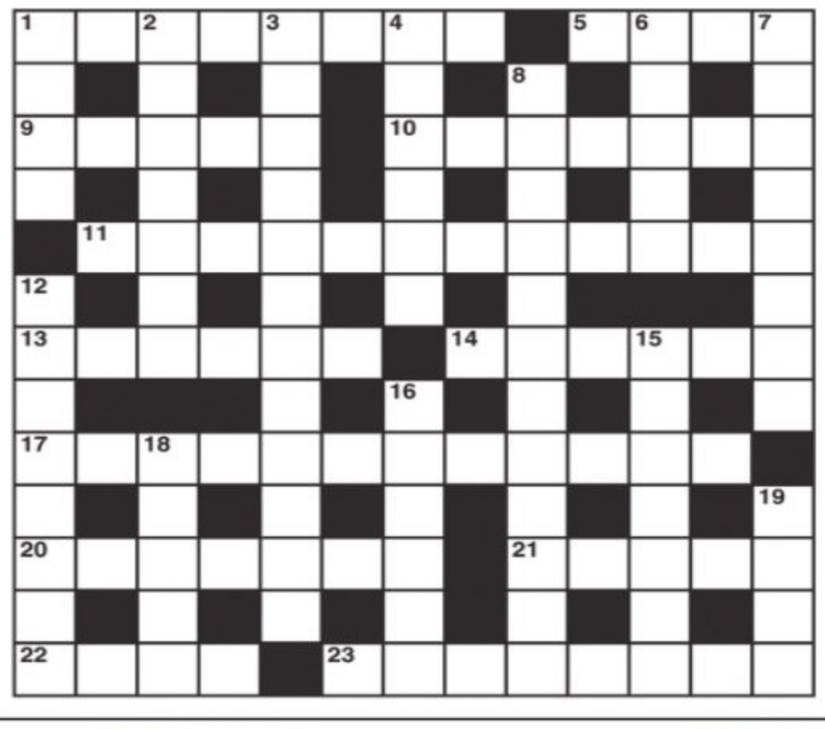
SUDOKU MEDIUM

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Man of action? (8)
5 A sticky appointment? (4)
9 Little girl all round the house (5)
10 Rushing madly in great confusion (7)
11 One in favour of the classics (7,5)
13 Deter or defer (3,3)
14 Squirm and turn whiter (6)
17 Maybe a paper is torn making them (12)
20 Beg for an adjustment in net rate (7)
21 One of the family on the French Riviera we hear (5)
22 Toy that gives you endless repetition (2-2)
23 Dilatory sort of hero-worship (8)

DOWN
1 It counts for nothing on the tennis court (4)
2 Higher than everyone in the exam? (7)
3 Lower gas fast making a drink (5,2,5)
4 Observing the absence of a ring? (6)
6 Tina comes up with a new name (5)
7 In the end the tomb inscription may be (8)
8 It cannot safely be ignored (6,6)
12 A stroke of the worst misfortune? (8)
15 Most suspenseful points witnessed in the trial (7)
16 Left divided (6)
18 A record number of contestants in the field (5)
19 Extremely important part of everything (4)

TUESDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Reprove, 4 Panic, 7 Toll, 8 Likeness, 10 Dead letter, 12 Crease, 13 Stupor, 15 Wine taster, 18 Imprison, 19 Bell, 20 Essay, 21 Exposed.

Down: 1 Rated, 2 Poleaxed, 3 Evicts, 4 Present day, 5 Noel, 6 Cashier, 9 Plasticity, 11 Spotless, 12 Carbide, 14 Denote, 16 Ruled, 17 Opus.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

LTUVA

ROSNT

KTEELT

STAPRO

I might only use Jumble words with double letters in them.
If we're doing that, then it should be about twins.
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" " " "

(Answers tomorrow)

Tuesday's Jumbles: PIVOT BATTY ENGAGE TRENCH
Answer: Thanks to their new ad campaign, business at the casino was — GETTING "BETTOR"

In a shocking incident, residents of a Kolar village allegedly refused to take a procession of their grama devatas Gangamma and Katteramma through streets where people from the Dalit community reside. The situation resportedly turned ugly, resulting in some people from both communities getting injured

3 brothers beat up neighbour's dog, arrested

The victim dog had allegedly attacked the pet dog of the accused siblings, who even hit the former's parent

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THREE brothers have landed in soup for mercilessly beating a dog with wooden logs in Bhattarahalli in KR Puram police station limits. The injured dog had bitten the pet dog of the accused brothers. Furious, the brothers barged into the compound where the dog, Achchu, was tied and attacked it one after the other, around 10pm Monday. They allegedly hit the dog's parent too, when he intervened.

The video of the brutal incident has gone viral, and dog lovers have urged the authorities to initiate stringent action against the brothers. The youngsters, identified as Rahul, Rajath and Ranjith, were arrested after Gadigappa, the injured dog's parent, filed a complaint with jurisdictional KR Puram police. Three-year-old Achchu was beaten for almost 15 minutes, he complained. Achchu reportedly bit the dogs around 10am on Monday.

Gaddigappa, a driver, told *The New Indian Express* that the dog is stable after being given timely medication. "The dog is at home and is on medication. We are still unable to come out of the shock of seeing our dog beaten so mercilessly. The incident got so much attention only because of the video which my daughter filmed. If there was no proof, the incident would have been buried. The three brothers, who are our neighbours, beat Achchu one after the other. After I tried to stop them, one of them hit me on my head with the wooden plank and I went blind for a few seconds. The three accused are well educated and one of them is an engineer. They claimed that their dog was bitten by my dog. Even if their allegations were true, I would have got their pet treated," Gaddigappa said.

"This is the first time we've heard a complaint against my dog. He has not bitten anybody in the locality. Neighbours take my dog to their houses when they prepare non-vegetarian dishes, as we don't eat meat. We are being forced to withdraw the complaint and have not decided yet," he added.

A case under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act along with other sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered against the three brothers by KR Puram police.

PROPERTY DISPUTE

65-year-old man held for attempting to kill his 88-year-old mother

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A 65-year-old man has been arrested by the RT Nagar police for attempting to kill his 88-year-old mother at her house over a property issue. The woman — Catherine D'Cruz — has four children of whom two are staying abroad, one unmarried daughter resides in an ashram and the accused — John D'Cruz — is the eldest of them.

John stays on the first floor of the same building in RT Nagar II Block and is a retired public sector employee. Catherine had given the house to the accused. Despite getting property worth a few crores of rupees, John was upset with his mother as he was unable to take possession of it while she was alive. Catherine had serious health issues because of her age.

Since she had problems in breathing, she was on regular oxygen support. She also had to be provided regular treatment which had irked John. One of her other sons had arranged for a caretaker to look after his mother.

John is alleged to have forcibly removed the oxygen mask while attempting to kill his mother last week. The caretaker immediately called the police control room.

John has been arrested on charges of attempting to kill his mother and has been remanded in judicial custody.

"After barging into the house, John is alleged to have sent the caretaker out of the home and attempted to kill his mother. After the caretaker reported the matter to the police, the jurisdictional RT Nagar police who rushed to the spot rescued Catherine. The victim in her statement to the police narrated the harassment by her eldest son. Based on her statements, the police arrested him and lodged him in Parappana Agrahara Central Prisons," said the police.

A case of attempt to murder under Section 307 of the IPC has been registered against John.

HC junks firm's plea on bank move to recover debt

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court dismissed petitions filed by Mumbai-based Associate Lumbers Private Limited and its directors, questioning the registration of crime by the Union Bank of India before the CBI, under the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

"If the account is declared to be a fraud and account holders to be willful defaulters, then it would become open to initiate such proceedings in terms of the Master Circular of the RBI. Therefore, having initiated recovery proceedings before the Debt Recovery Tribunal and having a recovery certificate in their hand would not mean that proceedings cannot be initiated against these petitioners... it is too premature for this court to interfere in the allegations of the nature that is made in the case at hand. The petitioners always have remedies in law at a later stage of the proceedings," the court said.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order while dismissing the petitions filed by the company, which is engaged in the business of timber trading and its directors, due to lack of merits. It is the claim of the petitioner-company that due to economic slowdown in the domestic market there was a severe cash crunch and the company was not in a position to pay debts in time. With the account becoming a non-performing asset, the bank took several actions against the petitioner by initiating proceedings under the SARFAESI Act, through which a portion of the outstanding dues to the credit facility was recovered.

After initiating proceedings under SARFAESI Act and gaining possession of the recovery certificate from the competent fora, the bank registered a complaint against the company on February 15, 2022, terming the account to be a fraud and alleging offences of cheating, criminal conspiracy by the petitioner and its directors.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Shopping hub Commercial Street decked up in bright chandeliers, in commemoration of Vijayadashami, and for the onset of Deepavali next month, in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Two drown while immersing Durga idol in Sunakalpalya lake

BENGALURU: Two people who went to a lake to immerse an idol of Goddess Durga drowned on Wednesday evening.

The deceased have been identified as Somesh (21) and Jitu (22), who hail from Maharashtra. Police said the incident occurred at Sunakalpalya Lake in front of Savan Darbar Ashram on Uttarahalli-Kengeri Road in Rajarajeshwari Nagar.

"As part of Dasara celebrations, Ram Ratan, who also hails from Maharashtra, had offered puja to the idol at his home in Rajarajeshwari Nagar. He along with four others went to the lake to immerse the idol during which Somesh and Jitu drowned. Efforts are on fish their bodies out," the police said.

CRIME PATROL

Police arrest youth for burglary, recover 415 grams gold

Bengaluru: The Thalaghattapura police have arrested a 23-year-old youth, who had allegedly burgled a house and had fled with valuables worth over Rs 20 lakh. The accused has been identified as K Gunashekhar. Police said he was arrested in connection with a case reported in the house belonging to a real estate dealer in Kariyanapalya in Banashankari Sixth Stage, on September 30. "When the family had gone out, the miscreant gained entry into the house by drilling through the ceiling of a room and had decamped with 415 grams of gold jewellery and cash of Rs 20,000. Clues were gathered and Gunashekhar was arrested. We have recovered 415 grams of gold that he had pledged in a pawn shop and cash of Rs 12,000," the police added.

Drug mule flees airport, caught after fast chase

Bengaluru: A woman who came to the courier centre at Bengaluru airport to collect a drug consignment was caught by the Customs Intelligence Unit of the Air Cargo Commissionerate after a high-voltage chase on the new airport road on October 3. The parcel she came to collect had arrived from Belgium with 2.2 kg of MDMA drug in the form of 5,080 ecstasy pills, valued at Rs 78.2 lakh in the international market, said an official. "The Intelligence Unit intercepted the consignment based on intelligence inputs. An X-ray revealed presence of the contraband inside the package," he said. The woman, who claimed to be a swimming instructor, came to collect the consignment, but got suspicious and fled in her vehicle. After a high-speed car chase, she was caught, he added.

BIG EVIDENCE

Raid carried out in 87 locations

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"WE arrested 16 people and froze 30 bank accounts containing Rs 1.89 crore," Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Raman Gupta said, adding that 23 mobile phones and three laptops were also seized.

The CBI said that it carried out searches in 87 locations across 16 states in connection with 11 cases while other State/Union Territory Police searched around 28 places -- 2 each in Assam and Punjab, 4 in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, 3 in Chandigarh, 5 in Delhi and 12 in Karnataka.

"During the searches, 1.5 kg gold was recovered. Huge digital evidence including mobile phones and laptops have been seized. Two call centres in Pune and Ahmedabad were also raided by the CBI," an official release said.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF LAKSHADWEEP (DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES) KAVARATTI -682555

F.No. 5/41/2021-DHS Dated: 04.10.2022

ADMISSION NOTICE

Government Nursing College, Kavaratti, Lakshadweep Invites application from the eligible female and male candidate (10th & +2 pass with Science) for the year 2022-23 admission in B.Sc Nursing (04 years Course) in Government Nursing College, Kavaratti. Candidates can apply using the link **https://admissionjipsaan.com/.** The last date of application is on **16th October, 2022.**

Sd/- (DR. M.P. BASHEER)
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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

E-AUCTION SALE ON 21.10.2022

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Chennai GOPALAPURAM Branch of the Canara Bank, **will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"on 21.10.2022 (Time 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.) for recovery of Rs.4,44,70,899.18** (Rupees Four Crore Forty Four Lakhs Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Nine and Paise Eighteen only) **due as on 07.12.2021** to the Chennai GOPALAPURAM Branchof Canara Bank from **the Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) mentioned below.**

Name of the Borrower: M/s Fashion Equation Pvt Ltd, Door No 6, Plot No 1, 1st Cross Street, Lakshminagar Porur, Chennai-600116. **2.Mr.Gokulakrishnan, 3.Ms.Kirthika G Krishnan,** Both at: No.76/81, Mount Poonamallee Road, Flat D1, Second Floor, Muktha Nirmaan Apts, Porur, Chennai-600116.

DETAILS OF PROPERTY

Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Municipal No.111/18/1A, measuring 1 acre 32 Guntas, comprising of residentially converted land bearing Survey No 18/1A situated at **Basapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore** and bounded as follows On the East: Government Road, On the West: Private Property On the North: Property previously belonging to Chinnappa, now belonging to Gopala Reddy and On the South : Property belonging to Shanakr Nair@Nair.

Schedule B: A **two bedroom residential apartment unit bearing No.203 having a super built up area of 1160 square feet (including Plinth area and common area) situated on the Second Floor of Block "A" in the project "Hanging Gardens"** constructed in the schedule "A" property along with the exclusive rights to use one covered car parking space in the basement.

Schedule C: 454 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the schedule "A" property.

RESERVE PRICE: Rs.42,00,000/-; EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT: Rs.4,20,000/-
Bid Multiplier : Rs.50,000/-

The earnest money deposit shall be deposited on or before 20.10.2022 till 4.00 p.m

The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer, **on 19.10.2022 between 11.00 a.m. & 5.00 p.m.**

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, **Canara Bank, Gopalapuram Branch** OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, Gopalapuram Branch, Chennai **A/c No.209272434 IFSC Code: CNRB0000930**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link **"E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com)** or the **service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Limited,** No.218, JP Royale, 1st Floor, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, **Mr.Pakhare D.D, Mob: 9480691777 & Mr.Ramesh T.H, Mob: 8553643144.** E Mail ID: eauction@ccsl.co.in or may **contact Chief Manager, Canara Bank, Gopalapuram Branch (Ph.:044 2835 2847, 094441 50930) E-mail: cb0930@canarabank.com** during office hours on any working day.

Portal of E-Auction: www.ccsl.co.in

Date : 01.10.2022 Authorised Officer,
Place: Chennai Canara Bank

AI AIRPORT SERVICES LIMITED
APPOINTMENT

AI AIRPORT SERVICES LIMITED (formerly known as Air India Airport Services Limited) (AIASL) wishes to fill in existing vacancies and maintain a wait-list for vacancies arising in future. Indian Nationals (Male & Female) who meet with the requirements stipulated herein for the following posts on a fixed term contract basis, which may be renewed subject to their performance and the requirement of the AI Airport Services Limited, to fill –in the existing vacancies as shown below and to maintain a wait – list for vacancies arising in future.

Sr. No.	Position	No. of Vacancies	Place of Posting
1	Chief of IT	1	Delhi – HQ
2	Dy. Chief of IT	1	Delhi – HQ
3	Manager IT	2	Mumbai, Kolkata
4	Officer IT	5	Amritsar, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Delhi

Govt. guidelines applicable for Reserved Categories.
For Application Format and all other details, please see **Advertisement** on our website- **http://aiasl.in - Recruitment & http://aiahl.in - Careers**

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NOTICE INVITING BID

Design, Build, Supply, Erect, Testing & Commissioning of 270 MLD Water Treatment Plant including clear water pumping station & 15 years comprehensive operation & maintenance at Jite, Taluka Pen, Dist-Raigad. Design, Build and Operate (DBO) Contract

CIDCO of Maharashtra Limited through the process of E-tendering invites "ON LINE" item rate bids in three packet system (Packets A, B & C) on "Design, Build and Operate (DBO) basis as DBO contract" from experienced prospective bidders fulfilling the mandatory eligibility criteria and scoring minimum qualifying marks of 75 in the Technical bid evaluation, comprising of total 100 marks, as per Annexure-I , registered with CIDCO Ltd. or with Central Govt., or with State Govt. of Maharashtra and its undertakings in appropriate class & Category, who have completed work of similar nature like Design, Construction, commissioning and O&M of Water treatment plant for the work mentioned below:

1. Name of Work: Design, Build, Supply, Erect, Testing & Commissioning of 270 MLD Water Treatment Plant including clear water pumping station & 15 years comprehensive operation & maintenance at Jite, Taluka Pen, Dist-Raigad. Design, Build and Operate (DBO) Contract 2. C. A. No.: 08/CIDCO/EE(Kondhane)/2022-23 **3. E.M.D.:** ₹2,25,00,000.00 **4. Registration Class:** Class – I A (Without Limit) **5. Completion Period:** 1275 (One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five) Days i.e. 42 Months (including Monsoon) **6. Tender Processing Fee:** ₹70,800.00 (including 18% GST (Non-Refundable))

Bid Documents along with Bidding Programme will be available on the website mahatenders.gov.in from 11/10/2022 at 17.01 Hrs.

Superintending Engineer (W/S)

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PONDICHERRY MUNICIPALITY
PUDUCHERRY

No.08/PM/EE/DB(P)/2022-23 Pondicherry, the 05.10.2022

PRESS NOTICE FOR e-TENDER

On behalf of the Pondicherry Municipal Council, e-tender is invited for the following work from the eligible contractors.

Sl. No.	Tender ref. No / Tender ID	Name of the work	Cost put to tender (in ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (in ₹)	e-tender Processing Fee (in ₹)	Period	Eligibility of Contractor
1	No. 18/ PM/EE/ DB(P) / 2022-23 2022_ DLA_ 11139_1	**Development and improvement of community infrastructures at low income settlement in Pondicherry Municipality, Puducherry, (Package 6)- (II Call)**	**15,24,53,836 (Inclusive of GST)**	**25,24,538**	1500 + 5% GST	12 Months (including monsoon period)	All contractors who produce documentary evidence as prescribed in the NIT.

i. Availability of NIT : from 10.00 a.m on 07.10.2022 to 3.30 p.m. on 25.10.2022
ii. Pre bid meeting : 12.10.2022 at 4.00 p.m
iii. Closing time for submission of e-tender : 25.10.2022 up to 3.30 p.m.
iv. Date & Time of opening of tender : 25.10.2022 at 4.00 p.m

For further details please refer to the **website : https://pudutenders.gov.in**

NO. 303/DIP/AD(PRESS)/2022-23
COMMISSIONER
PONDICHERRY MUNICIPALITY

SURABHI SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED.,

No.02, Surabhi Sahakari Sadan, 13th Cross, Attimabbe Road, C.T. Bed Extension, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070. Ph: 080-26794511 E-mail: sscclt@ymail.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **"Surabhi Souharda Credit Co-operative Limited".,** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **"Surabhi Souharda Credit Co-operative Limited".,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest as applicable, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **"Surabhi Souharda Credit Co-operative Limited".,** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantors/Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of the Immovable Property
1	**1. Mr. Prabhu Kumar V K** S/o Kanniah Naidu **2. Mrs. Sudha Prabhu Kumar** W/o Prabhu Kumar **both are residing at** No.5, 3rd A Main, Near Ganesha Temple, Kuvempunagar, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore -560062.	**1) Loan A/c No. M L-00001000012 Rs.22,11,468=00** **2) Loan A/c No. M L-00001000013 Rs.26,70,300=00** **Total Amount Rs.48,81,768=00 as on 31.08.2022**	**05.09.2022 NPA Date 20.11.2012** **NPA Date 23.11.2012**	Property bearing Site No.55/A, formed in Sy No.51, Khatha No.560, Situated at Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 59.60 feet, North to South: 29.30 feet totaling 1740 Sq.feet, and bounded as follows East by: Road, West by: Property in Sy No.53, North by: Property of Sri Rajendra Vikaram, South by: Property of Sri V K Prabhu Kumar.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to **"Surabhi Souharda Credit Co-operative Limited".,** as aforesaid, then **"Surabhi Souharda Credit Co-operative Limited".,** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset (s) / Immovable Property (ies), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **"Surabhi Souharda Credit Co-operative Limited".,** Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made there under shall be liable for penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 06.10.2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Executive Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Surabhi Souharda Credit Co-operative Limited.,**

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The Belthangady police have booked unidentified suspects after some provocative graffiti surfaced on a road, allegedly warning pro-Hindutva outfits over the ban against PFI. The graffiti was found at Snehagiri in Pilathabettu village of Belthangady taluk in Dakshina Kannada district

IN A FIRST, DASARA PROCESSION PASSES ON ILLUMINATED STREETS

Crowds hopeful of tourism revival; Jamboo Savari delayed by 19 mins due to delay in tying howdah

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

LAKHS of people from across the state flooded the streets of Mysuru to witness the world-famous Jamboo Savari procession, to mark the grand finale of Navaratri (Dasara) festivities.

Dasara was celebrated on a grand note after two years of the Covid-19 pandemic. More than 1,000 artistes of eight troupes and tableaus stole the limelight and enthralled the crowd of more than 40,000 inside Mysuru Palace.

The 4.5km Raja Marga on New Sayyaji Rao Road, that saw a lean turnout at noon, swelled as Chief Minister Basavaraj Bomai offered flowers to the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari, placed in the 750-kg Golden Howdah on Abhimanyu, during the cultural extravaganza. Though Bommai was supposed to offer flowers to Goddess Chamundeshwari between 5.05pm and 5.16pm, it was delayed by 19 minutes as there was a delay in tying the howdah on to Abhimanyu.

Tourists and locals braved the scorching sun and made a beeline to Mysuru Palace, Town Hall and prominent junctions for a glimpse of the presiding deity. They also raised slogans for Chamundeshwari.

Scion of the erstwhile Mysuru Royal Family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar participates in a private Dasara in Mysuru on Wednesday | UDAYASHANKAR S

As Abhimanyu walked majestically on his path, the crowd clicked pictures and shot videos of the Dasara procession. It was held, for the first time, on illuminated streets as the muhurtha fell late in the evening.

Earlier, CM Bommai and his cabinet colleagues offered Nandi Dwaja puja in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple in Meena lagna. In his message, Bommai prayed for the well-being of the people.

Bommai was accompanied by Yaduveer Krishnadutta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Mayor Shivakumar, District Minister ST Somashekar, Energy Minister Sunil Kumar, the Deputy Commissioner and Police Commissioner. A 21-gun salute from vintage artillery marked the beginning of the Jamboo Savari. The tableaus marked the 75th Independence Day, yoga, Puneeth Rajkumar, and wildlife sanctuaries and temples in Chamarajanagar, new Anubhava Mantapa and tableaus on social harmony. Among the cultural troupes were Goravana Kunitha, Ghoomar dancers from Rajasthan, Purliyachava, Gondara Dhakke, Kamsale, women playing drums and others.

Meanwhile, the private durbar concluded with Yaduveer Krishnadutta Wadiyar offering puja to the Banni tree inside Bhuvaneshwari temple.

CM offers Mysuru Silk saree

CM Bommai offered a parrot green Mysuru Silk saree to Goddess Chamundeshwari. The temple priests decorated the idol in a saree and attractive flowers. Temple staff and Mysuru Palace staff offered puja in the presence of the royal family representatives before it was placed on the howdah elephant.

VOTER CONNECT

Yatra passing through areas with few Cong seats

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THE impact of the ambitious Bharat Jodo Yatra, launched by Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, is expected to be realised during nest year's Assembly elections. The results in the Assembly segments that Sonia Gandhi, and her son Rahul, have been covering during the yatra may be a reflection to their popularity. Sonia will join the yatra on Thursday at Pandavapura, while her daughter and senior Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vandra is likely to join them on October 9 and 10.

Intersetingly, the yatra is traversing across as many as seven Lok Sabha constituencies that do not have a representative from the Congress, while there are only six MLAs out of 21 Assembly seats on the route. Of the 21 Assembly segments, the yatra has been passing through 15 represented either by the BJP or the JDS -- from the Old Mysuru region up to Raichur. The Lok Sabha seats, including Chamarajanagar, Mysuru, Tumakuru, Chitradurga, Ballari, and Raichur, are represented by the BJP, except for Mandya, which is represented by independent MP Sumalatha Amabreesh.

The Assembly constituencies of Gundlupet, 224th Assembly seat in the order, where the yatra kicked off; Nanjanagud, Chamundeshwari, Srirangapatna, Melukote, Nagamangala, Turuvekere, Tiptur, and Chikkanayakanahalli – all have been represented by non-Congress MLAs. Only three seats are under Congress control, including Varuna, are represented by CLP leader Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yathindra; Narasimharaja represented by former minister Tanveer Sait; and HD Kote, represented by Anil Kumar C fall under the route map.

Similarly, in Chitradurga district, the Hosadurga, Hiriyuru and Molakalumuru have BJP MLAs, and Rahul's yatra will be extensive across this stretch, as he is also staying overnight at Harthikote, Siddapura, and Hirehalli villages. Challakere also has a Congress MLA, T Raghumurthy, whereas in Raichur Rural and Ballari Rural, the party has Basanagouda Daddal and B Nagendra as its MLAs, respectively.

'A mother's love': RaGa turns emotional on Kabini safari

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

CONGRESS President Sonia Gandhi, who arrived in Mysuru on Tuesday and is camping at a resort with son Rahul Gandhi, visited the Bheemanakoli Mahadeshwara temple in Heggadadevana Kote. Sonia, who is staying at a resort in the Kabini backwaters, was to visit Chamundi Hill, but the plan was scrapped as the city and temple are crowded with tourists.

The Gandhis went on a safari in the Kabini backwaters, where they spotted an injured baby elephant being nursed by the mother elephant. Moved by the plight of the calf, he clicked a picture and tweeted, "A mother's love. I felt so sad to see this beautiful elephant with her injured little baby fighting for its life."

He also wrote to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, appealing for help for the calf. According to a source, Rahul turned a bit emotional on seeing the plight of the baby elephant and even made a metaphorical comparison with his own life. In fact, foresters and his party members also drew parallels, as the Congress leader, who has embarked on a march from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, drew comfort from mother Sonia Gandhi, who is visiting him to give him confidence to continue his mission.

KPCC Working President R Dhruvanarayan said Rahul Gandhi will resume the Bharat Jodo Yatra from Bellale village in Mandya district at 7.30am on Thursday, and Sonia will join him around 8.30am.

Meanwhile, veteran leader Mallikarjun Kharge flew to Mysuru to join the yatra. Kharge, who resigned as Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and filed his papers to contest for the post of AICC president, will be meeting Rahul for the first time after the yatra began. Kharge also visited JSS Suttur Mutt and held talks with Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swami.

The injured elephant calf in the comfort of its mother, at Nagarhole National Park | PIC TWEETED BY RAHUL GANDHI

Please save the calf, Rahul urges Bommai

Rahul Gandhi appealed to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to save the injured elephant calf in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve.

"The Congress president (Sonia Gandhi) and I briefly visited Nagarahole Tiger Reserve where we happened to come across the painful sight of an injured baby elephant, with its mother. The little calf has a severely injured tail and trunk, and is fighting for its life," Rahul stated in a letter to CM Bommai.

Stating that the calf requires urgent medical care, Rahul said he understands and appreciates that nature must be allowed to take its course, but in the case of endangered and iconic species, exceptions are often made, depending on the severity of the situation. "Therefore, I wanted to cross political boundaries and appeal to your sense of compassion to intervene and save the little elephant. I am confident that it will survive, if given proper treatment. I hope you will extend timely assistance to save the iconic little elephant," he stated.

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Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in a letter to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai

IN KOLAR

Caste war over deity procession

ENS @ Kolar

IN a shocking incident, residents of a Kolar village allegedly refused to take a procession of their *grama devatas* Gangamma and Katteramma through streets where people from the Dalit community reside. The situation resportedly turned ugly, resulting in a few people from both communities sustaining injuries. The incident was reported in Danava Halli Village, Narasapura Hobli, of Kolar Taluk, under Vemgal Police limits.

According to one Muniyappa, on Wednesday, several peope from the Dalit community had gathered under a tree in their village to discuss about the procession of their village deities, on Dasara. Meanwhile, people from the upper caste, allegedly said they would not take the procession to the former's houses or streets, which led to a heated altercation between the two groups, resulting in some people from the upper caste allegedly assaulting the others.

On the other hand, a man from the upper caste, Harish, alleged an attempt to murder against the other group, after which a case was registered against eleven people. Following the incident, the police cancelled the procession.

ALL-PARTY MEET TO DISCUSS MORE RESERVATION FOR SCs/STs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai has convened a meeting of all party floor leaders in the Assembly and Council on Friday to discuss the demand for an increase in reservation for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST).

In the recent legislature session, Bommai had assured the members that an all-party meeting will be convened to discuss the change in the reservation matrix. There has been a demand for an increase in the reservation for the SCs/STs. Justice HN Nagamohan Das Committee had recommended an increase in reservation from 15% to 17% for SCs and from 3% to 7% for STs proportionate to their population.

The Valmiki community is demanding for 7.5% reservation for STs and it is strongly backed by the community leaders and religious heads. Transport Minister B Sriramulu is strongly backing the demand.

Any increase in the reservation as recommended by the Justice Nagamohan Das Committee would result in reservations exceeding 50%, while the Supreme Court judgement has put a cap of 50% on quota.

However, Justice Nagamohan Das said in exceptional circumstances the rule can be relaxed. The all-party meeting is likely to discuss the report and the demands of various communities in detail. Any decision taken in the meeting will be discussed in the cabinet and a recommendation has to be sent to the Union government.

Meanwhile, Lingayat pontiff Sri Jaya Mruthyunjaya Swami has urged Bommai to convene all party leaders meeting to discuss their demand for 2A for the Lingayat Panchamshali community.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai offers flowers to Goddess Chamundeshwari during the Jamboo Savari on Vijayadashami Day in Mysuru on Wednesday | UDAYASHANKAR S

RSS' MUSLIM WING FOR UNIFORM CIVIL CODE

BENGALURU: The much discussed Uniform Civil Code, which has the backing of pro-Hindu groups, has got support from Muslim leaders affiliated to the RSS wing 'Bharat First' and Rashtriya Muslim Manch. The development comes after many BJP-ruled states and pro-Hindu groups started pitching for the UCC. 'Bharat First' Karnataka chapter was launched in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Speaking to TNIE after its launch, Iqbal Ahmed, All-India co-convener, Bharat First, and long-time associate of RSS said, "There is a majoritarian government. Simply raising objections on Uniform Civic Code will create unnecessary problems. It is all about 'One Nation' and 'One Law'. This is benefit for all." He added that it is time for the Muslim community to have a dialogue and diplomacy, and support the law. The 24-member committee will monitor the activities of Bharat First and its main objective is to connect with the Muslim community and bring it under the RSS fold. **ENS**

JDS, BRS to ally for upcoming elections

ENS @ Bengaluru

FORMER chief minister H D Kumaraswamy on Wednesday declared that the newly floated Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) by Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) patriarch and Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, and the JDS will work out a strategy to free Karnataka from both the national parties, BJP and Congress.

"We have decided to work together in the 2023 assembly polls and 2024 Lok Sabha elections. There is an environment in Karnataka as in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to free the state from the BJP and Congress. We will work it out," he told reporters after taking part in the launch of BRS as a national party. He clarified that JDS will be an alliance partner with the BRS in future, and hoped that DMK leader and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin will join the alternative force emerging at the national level. Kumaraswamy, his son and JDS youth wing president Nikhil, brother H D Revanna and other legislators took part in the launch of BRS.

In fact, Chandrashekar Rao had visited former prime minister H D Deve Gowda at the latter's residence in Bengaluru six months ago, and held discussions. Recently, Kumaraswamy who had been to New Delhi, had visited Rao in Hyderabad.

Though there are rumours that the BRS will contest the 2023 assembly polls in Karnataka, there was no clarity as such. Since the JDS is expected to contest only 123 seats, it may back the BRS in select seats, especially in assembly constituencies which share a border with Telangana and AP, with the Telugu speaking populace the deciding factor. If it works, the JDS and BRS may continue with the arrangement in the 2024 LS polls.

MESTA CASE

Don't politicise anyone's death: Siddu to BJP

ENS @ Bengaluru

AFTER the CBI filed a B report, which clearly meant Paresh Mesta's death five years ago was accidental, in total contrast to the claims of BJP and its allies that he was a victim of communal violence, former CM Siddaramaiah had a word of advice for BJP, stating, "Don't do politics over anyone's death."

"BJP should stop playing politics over other people's dead bodies at least now," he said, adding, "Paresh Mesta's death should not be politicised."

It may be recalled that BJP had started blaming the then Congress government led by Siddaramaiah for his death, because there was indeed a communal riot in Uttara Kannada at that time, and the BJP claimed that he was a victim of communal violence. Mesta passed away in Honnavar in 2017. While the BJP was blaming the Congress, the grand old party had handed over the case to the CBI.

Siddaramaiah said,"The BJP has misled the people of the state on the Paresh Mesta issue. Therefore, they need to apologise to the people."

'Will focus on collective leadership'

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KHARGE said, if elected to the top post, he will focus on making the collective leadership of the party strong. He said his first priority would be strengthen the Congress party for the Legislative assembly elections next year and the Lok Sabha elections in 2024. He added that efforts will be made to implement the 'Udaipur Declaration' of the party. On unifying opposition parties, the senior leader said that after elections, a meeting of all senior leaders of the Congress party will be convened to discuss alliances. He said he shares a good rapport with leaders of many political parties which would help in forging alliances with other parties, for survival of democracy and for the defeat of communal forces in the country.

Need startup hub, IT park in HDB region: Industry to govt

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA @ Hubballi

APART from the proposed plan to set up the country's first EV cluster, a group of industrialists have recommended the State Government to develop a startup hub, manufacturing launch-pad, IT tech park, Beyond Bengaluru R&D Fund, and five centres of excellence in the Hubballi-Dharwad-Belagavi (HDB) region.

Soon after the CEOs' Round Table with Electronics, IT, BT, and Science & Technology Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, the industries that have come together under Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), pushed for these recommendations to improve the industrial investment scenario in the HDB region. Details of their requests were presented to both Narayan and Union minister Pralhad Joshi during the recent Techceleration-2022 convention held here.

The proposed EV cluster over 500 acres by attracting anchor industries, is likely to be a game-changer. Industry has recommended targeting at least two anchor units, the common centre for testing, validation and certification, and the letter of intent should be signed as early as on Karnataka Rajyotsava Day this year, with the first unit commencing operations by the H2 of next year.

As the region is rapidly catching up as an attractive destination for startups in the state after Bengaluru, the KDEM is batting for a Karnataka Startup Hub, with world-class infrastructure built to house 5,000 startups. It has been proposed that it be built by the KDEM itself in a public-private partnership, over a 2-lakh square feet area on government land leased for 35 years.

Santosh Huralikoppi, an entrepreneur who operates an ITeS company in Hubballi, said the total budget required to realise this project would be Rs 100 crore, adding that its outcome would have a positive impact on the valuation of start-ups, while also creating over 25,000 new jobs.

IT/BT Dr CN Ashwath Narayan at the CEOs' Roundtable in Hubballi on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Plug-n-play setup

Another major recommendation is to build a 1-lakh square feet manufacturing launch-pad, which will act as a plug-n-play setup for engineering and manufacturing companies to scale up their business.

Meanwhile, apart from announcing a Rs 500-core R&D fund for the region, the KDEM is seeking the establishment of five centres of excellence, with an investment of Rs 20 crore per centre, to boost training R&D, innovation and entrepreneurship.

The leopard that had kept Kerala Forest Department officials on their toes for three days in Munnar before it was captured on Tuesday is partially blind and it will not be released into the wild anytime soon. The leopard had killed at least 10 cows owned by residents on Saturday and Sunday

DMK NOT AGAINST SPIRITUALITY: STALIN

'We're against those who use it for politics'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday asserted that his government is not against spiritualism and religious beliefs, as alleged.

"I say this clearly: This Dravidian-model government is not against spiritualism and the people's religious beliefs. But it is against those who are using spiritualism for political reasons and for their selfish motives besides propagating discrimination among people. The people, who know the religious culture of Tamil soil, understand this well," Stalin said after inaugurating the 'Mupperum Vizha' to commemorate the bicentennial year of Vallalar. "I wish to reiterate this because a few people on social media may highlight the initial portion of my speech by cutting the later part saying Stalin has spoken against spiritualism," the CM added.

"Long ago, Vallalar told the world that caste and religious systems are not genuine and denounced them. Till the end of his life, Vallalar worked against caste and religious systems and advised people not to engage in fights over these reasons. Hence, it is the duty of the Dravidian-model government to spread his glory," the chief minister added.

The CM also recalled that Periyar EV Ramasamy published a collection of verses of Vallalar in the 1940s and former CM M Karunanidhi established Vallalar Nagar in memory of the spiritual giant. The DMK government has declared the birth anniversary of Vallalar as Benevolence Day. Fulfilling the 419th electoral promise of the DMK that an international centre for Vallalar teachings would be established at Vadalur, the government has received suggestions from an expert committee. This centre would be established at a cost of Rs 100 crore and construction will start very soon, Stalin said. He added that Rs 3.25 crore has been allotted for the year-long celebrations, including for mass feeding for 52 weeks.

Stalin released the emblem for Mupperum Vizha and a souvenir to mark the occasion.

Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin addresses a gathering in Chennai on Wednesday

DASARA GLIMPSES

(Clockwise from extreme left) People burn an effigy of Ravana in Bidar as part of Dasara celebrations on Wednesday; A child is initiated into the world of letters on Vidyarambham Day at a temple in Kochi; Celebrations at Sri Gokarnatheshwara Temple at Kudroli in Mangaluru; A woman bids adieu to Goddess Durga before immersion at a beach in Chennai | KPN, A SANESH, PTI, MARTIN LOUIS

Tharoor style makes waves in Cong poll campaign

CYNTHIA CHANDRAN @T'puram

WITH Shashi Tharoor launching a parliament election-like campaign in the Congress presidential poll, an interesting situation has evolved in Kerala. The party leadership in the state has rallied behind the Gandhi family nominee, Mallikarjun Kharge, while the common Congress workers have thrown their weight behind the Thiruvanathapuram MP.

Over the past few days, Tharoor is all over the social media with scores of people urging him to bring in change and transparency as well as instill young blood in the party.

Though the top Congress leaders in Kerala are putting up a brave face, they are surprised at the support Tharoor is gaining at the grass-root level, and allege it's the handiwork of the CPM and the BJP supporters.

Leader of Opposition V D Satheesan said the massive support for Tharoor in social media will not reflect in the polls. "Tharoor is definitely an

intellectual par excellence and also an asset to the party. But what's his Congress background? He may be having a huge fanbase in social media who incidentally are not voters in the election," he told TNIE.

Satheesan's predecessor Ramesh Chennithala, who is slated to campaign for Kharge in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, challenged Tharoor's claim that he is the "ideal" choice for the post. "I became a Congress Working Committee leader at a very young age after holding several posts, step by step. Tharoor is yet to hold any post at the organisational level. So how is it possible to directly contest for the Congress president's post? We don't endorse his opinion that he is the ideal candidate for the president post." Chennithala told TNIE.

Meanwhile, Tharoor met several senior leaders like Vakkom Purushothaman, Thennala Balakrishna Pillai and Oommen Chandy seeking their support. He even visited Punalur in Kollam to pay respects to former sate secretary Punalur Madhu, who died on Monday.

The Congress leadership in Kerala claims Tharoor will secure only 10% of the total 309 votes in the state.

ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH

Three of family end lives in C'ballapura district

SIDDLAGHATTA (CHIKKABALLAPURA): A couple and their son committed suicide in Handiganahala village in Siddlaghatta taluk on Wednesday. The deceased have been identified as Sreeramappa (69) a farmer, his wife Saroja (55) and their son Manoj (25). According to the police, the couple's daughter had married a boy from another caste who stayed in the same locality. Chikkaballapura SP DL Nagesh said the police also recovered a death note from the spot. The police have registered a case and are waiting for an autopsy report. **HELPLINE:** If you are having thoughts of suicide or are in emotional distress. Help is available. You can get in touch with the SAHAI helpline at 080-25497777, open from Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 10 pm and 104 Arogya Sahayavani which is available 24/7. **ENS**

38-year-old man held for killing bedridden mom

PALAKKAD : The police on Tuesday arrested a 38-year-old man for allegedly killing his bedridden mother at their house near Mangalam dam in Vadakencherry. The deceased is Mary, 68. Her son Shyju was arrested. The police said the incident occurred on Monday night. Mary who was admitted to a hospital after suffering a paralytic stroke was discharged on Monday. Later, an altercation commenced between Mary and her son over the treatment and health care. Shyju then bashed his mother's head on a wall and then thrashed her. Mary died on the spot. On Tuesday morning, Shyju informed the neighbours about Mary's death. When the police arrived and questioned him, Shyju admitted to the crime. According to the autopsy report, Mary suffered severe injuries on her head and chest which led to the death. Shyju's wife had gone to her home six months ago following differences with him. After the autopsy, the funeral of Mary was held. **ENS**

GO GREEN: TENDERS FOR MAKING IP SETS SOLAR-ENABLED SOON

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka energy department is planning to make the most of solar power by making all IP sets in the state solar power-enabled before the onset of summer. This is being done to avoid wastage of power.

The department is planning to call tenders for installation of solar panels within a month and the deadline to complete the tendering process and commencement work is two months.

In the meantime, the department has also entrusted Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KRDEL) to come up with hybrid model renewable energy storage batteries with an aim to generate more green energy.

The project gained momentum after PM Modi directed all states to tap solar energy for IP sets for agriculture and irrigation purposes. An energy department official told *TNIE*, "We have surplus energy generated on a daily basis. Most of this energy is from solar and wind sources. Now there is a need to utilise all this energy, as storage is a problem and the grids are also unable to handle the load. The IP sets will either be connected to panels or to a major unit. Tenders will be called in a month and work on setting up the panels will also start at the earliest."

The department is also exploring possibilities of setting up small sub-stations to meet the needs of the farmers.

It has also started an exercise to ensure that there is enough power supply to farmers through IP sets during day time -- when solar power generation is the maximum, three hours in the morning and three hours in the evening. "By distributing the power generation and supply, we want to ensure that there is no wastage, there is no need for farmers to depend on government for power supply and the load on the grid is also reduced," the official said.

Many farmers in the state are working on setting up solar panels on their own to meet their power requirements, which is a costly affair. The energy department is also working on modules to utilise the existing panels in a better way.

3 from TN, including doctor, held on charges of poaching in K'taka

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

The three men from Tamil Nadu inside the forest in Karnataka

THE Karnataka Forest Department officials on Wednesday arrested a group of three persons from Tamil Nadu, including a doctor, for attempting to poach inside the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary in Chamarajanagar district.

By preventing the poaching, the alert Karnataka forest sleuths have sent out a strong message reiterating that the guilty won't be spared.

The trio — Marimuttu P, 28, Dr K Kavin Kumar, 27, and Vignesh, 22 — were arrested on charges of trespassing and poaching. They were detained on Tuesday night, and arrested on Wednesday. They were caught in the camera trap where they were seen roaming with weapons barefoot, and with torches and traps. The Forest Department has arrested them under the Wildlife Protection Act-1972 and the Arms Act.

Marimuttu is the man behind the operation, forest officials said, adding that he was a habitual offender and has two cases filed against him in Dharmapuri in neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

"The trio came from the Hogenakkal side and were caught on camera in Alambadi. This is 5 km from Hogenakkal. When they saw the cameras they tried to escape, but the alert was already sounded and they were caught. No wildlife was killed," said Nandish L, deputy conservator of forests, Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary.

Another Forest Department official said that usually there are many instances of poachers getting caught on camera, but it is the first time a doctor has been caught for poaching. There is little or no restriction on entry of people into forests in Tamil Nadu and from there into Karnataka forest patches. With this, the demand and need for stringent patrolling only rises.

"As the case involved a doctor, there was pressure mounting on the Karnataka foresters to release the poachers. So the case was kept under wraps and was made official only on Wednesday after the arrests," added a senior forest official.

Myanmar job scam: 13 reach Tamil Nadu

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR @ Chennai

THIRTEEN people from Tamil Nadu, who were lured to Myanmar with promise of IT jobs but were made to work for a scam network, were brought back to India on Wednesday morning. At least 40 people from TN, and 300 other Indians are still stuck in Myawaddy in Myanmar which is under the control of the Myanmar army.

One of the victims who reached Chennai on Wednesday said, "Our group was first taken to Dubai for an interview. I am a graphic designer and I was told that I will initially work in customer support division in Bangkok. They promised me that I can move to my area of work gradually. However, after landing in Bangkok, we were taken to Myanmar through a land route." "We were asked to chat with HNIs (high networth individuals) in Europe and even in India to make them invest in crypto currency and other assets. Women employees were also made to talk. Once they invested up to $60,000, we were asked to cut them off and change our phone SIM," he added.

A fruit vendor takes shelter as rain lashes Chennai on Wednesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

IMD predicts rain for parts of TN, Kerala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai, T'puram

THE pre-monsoon showers are set to continue in Chennai and several parts of Tamil Nadu for the next few days.

The met office said heavy rain is likely to occur at isolated places over Ariyalur, Cuddalore, Kancheepuram, Perambalur, Tiruvallur, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore, Villupuram, Chennai, Kallakurichi, Chengalpattu, Tirupattur, Ranipet and Mayiladuthurai districts of Tamilnadu, Puducherry and Karaikal.

The department has forecast rain till October 9. In Chennai, the sky condition is likely to be cloudy. One or two spells of moderate rain with thunderstorm and lightning are likely to occur in some areas. Maximum and minimum temperature is likely to be around 29 and 25-26 degree Celsius respectively.

Meanwhile, IMD has predicted rain accompanied by thunder across Kerala till October 9. The Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) issued a lightning warning and advised people to take precautions.

Nobel Peace Centre to consider holding world peace meet in Kerala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

NOBEL Peace Centre executive director Kjersti Fløgstad has informed the state that the government's proposal to hold a world peace meet would be considered seriously. This was decided at a meeting held between Fløgstad and Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan who is currently in Finland. The Nobel Peace Centre in Norway is the institution which gives the Nobel Peace Prize. In the last budget, the Kerala government had announced that a peace meet would be held in the state. Fløgstad said a State Government coming up with such a proposal is a matter of joy. She met the CM ahead of the Nobel Peace Centre's scheduled announcement of this year's Nobel Peace Prize on Friday.

NGT suspends green nod for Chennai tuna harbour

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @ Chennai

THE Southern Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has suspended the environmental clearance (EC) granted to a tuna fishing harbour being constructed in Tiruvottiyur and imposed ₹12 lakh penalty on State fisheries department for commencing work without obtaining statutory clearance and conducting adequate studies.

The bench of judicial member K Ramakrishnan and expert member K Satyagopal also directed the fisheries department not to commission the harbour project till necessary studies are completed and appraised by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA). The tribunal gave six months for completing the studies and asked the SEIAA to evaluate them within three months from the date of their submission.

The NGT has allowed the Tamil Nadu Fisheries Department to undertake project work in onshore area | P JAWAHAR

Although the petitioner, KR Selvaraj Kumar of NGO Meenava Thanthai, wanted the EC to be set aside, the tribunal said there was no need for it and suspended the clearance to the extent of directing the fisheries department not to commission the project while permitting it to undertake the project work in the onshore area. The fisheries department is constructing a tuna fishing harbour with 69,000 TPA (tonnes per annum) capacity covering 30.87 hectares within the break waters.

EDITORIAL

Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men

Martin Luther King Jr.

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— Ramnath Goenka

FREEBIES OUT, BUT LET WELFARE SCHEMES CONTINUE

New Delhi's move to extend the free foodgrain scheme for another three months may fly in the face of economic prudence. Or so believe several economists. At a time when India continues to face high fiscal deficit, the decision is bound to cost the exchequer an additional ₹44,762 crore, taking the food subsidy bill to a massive ₹3.4 lakh crore, way above the budget estimate of ₹2.07 lakh crore. The additional expenditure may push up the fiscal deficit beyond the targeted 6.4% of the GDP.

It is a given that the government has to tighten the belt and control the deficit. But the Centre is aware that winding up the foodgrain scheme ahead of the state elections is suicidal. There is documented evidence that such social schemes always sway the outcome of elections.

Interestingly, no political party ever called the extension of the scheme meant for those below the poverty line a freebie or part of a 'revdi' culture. Everyone knows that post-pandemic, the number of hungry stomachs in the country has gone up substantially despite most economic activities back on track. There is a healthy consensus that it is the government's job to feed them. This is exactly what many state governments screamed when New Delhi ran a smear campaign against them for initiating social welfare schemes. Tamil Nadu, which is at the forefront of the fight for social justice, flatly objected to the usage of the term 'freebie'. The state finance minister said free food, uniforms and computers are not random freebies, but an investment into TN's future.

The Supreme Court believes that freebies or handouts would continue to destroy the economy unless there is a conscious decision by political parties to stop them. However, the Court went back on its earlier proposal to form an expert committee to study the issue. Instead, it said a new three-judge bench would take up pleas to review a 2013 SC judgment that said some freebies are related to the directive principles guiding a state's policies. Let's hope that the review would bring more clarity on 'freebie' and keep all social welfare schemes out of its purview. State governments should continue to reach out to the people at the bottom of the pyramid with welfare schemes to herald social justice to all.

LAST-DITCH EFFORT BRAVING THE RAIN

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, which entered Karnataka last weekend, has become a political talking point. The cheering crowds flanking the roads, thousands of *padayatris*, sloganeering and rallies are a potent package and nothing short of a well-timed election campaign. The imagery of an energetic, smiling man in T-shirt and slacks makes for effective optics, especially when Rahul Gandhi addresses a crowd, unmindful of the pouring rain. Pictures of Rahul's easy rapport with children, holding hands and hugging, mark him as a leader. It is a well-planned *yatra*, coinciding with Gandhi Jayanti celebrations at Badanavalu village in Nanjangud taluk, a khadi production centre with historical links to Mahatma Gandhi, and the Dasara festivities in Mysuru. The Congress has made a calculated move with Rahul on a charm offensive and an outreach to all communities and sections of society, projecting him as bringing hope and positive change to those discriminated against over caste and religion.

Karnataka is a state where the Congress is still a force to reckon with, despite the leadership squabbles, and with Sonia and Priyanka Gandhi making cameo appearances in the next few days, this leg of the *padayatra* should go down as a pretty success. The Gandhis have significant links with Karnataka. It was in Chikkamagaluru that Indira Gandhi got political rebirth post-Emergency when she contested from here in 1978. Ballari elected Sonia Gandhi over BJP's Sushma Swaraj by over 56,000 votes.

Not surprisingly, the ruling BJP is rattled by the surge of support for Rahul Gandhi, deciding to walk 3,500 km over 150 days, professedly to "safeguard the Constitution, the rights of Dalits, tribals, minorities, women and all the marginalised sections of society". A leader who appears to be committed to reviving his party, as opposed to the image of an entitled dynastic scion projected by the BJP, is constantly belittled on social media for his leadership skills and speeches. BJP leaders have dismissed the *yatra*, made unflattering remarks and also accused Rahul of "misusing children". With elections barely eight months away, the ruling party appears apprehensive that the *yatra* could translate into votes in Karnataka. Unseating the BJP at the Centre may be a far-fetched dream for now, but for a Congress which is losing every election and is embroiled in leadership issues, the Bharat Jodo Yatra could be a last-ditch effort to revive its fortunes, and prove to be an elixir.

QUICK TAKE

ALLOW ACCESS FIRST

The Prime Minister launched 5G services in India, declaring an "infinite sky of opportunities". But the government must first rectify a handicap: Let alone internet access or digital literacy, even mass media barely penetrates large swathes of rural India. The National Family Health Survey (2019–2021) says close to a third of women and men are not regularly exposed to mass media. A third of women and over half of men in the 15–49 age group have ever used the internet. Literacy and connectivity campaigns must go hand in hand for Digital India's canopy to be as infinite as the sky.

The Congress has to be reminded of the mining scam as it came to power in 2013 in Karnataka after a *padayatra* to Bellary, promising action against mining excesses

ILLEGAL MINING MEMORIES COME FLOODING BACK

SUGATA SRINIVASARAJU

Senior journalist and author

There has been such a flood of happenings in India in the last decade, politically and otherwise, that we seem to have nearly erased from our crowded memories some substantive issues that evoked our passion and commitment. One such issue is the mining illegalities that saw major action in two states—Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. More so in Karnataka's Bellary district because the dramatis personae involved were flamboyant ministers in the first-ever BJP government formed in southern India. Interestingly, they were the principal players on the Andhra side of the story too.

Four things have suddenly provoked the recovery of this memory: First, Janardhana Reddy, seen as the visage of the mining scam, has sought the Supreme Court's permission to reside in Bellary for a month. He wants to spend time with his daughter, who has become a mother. The apex court has for long restrained him from entering a few districts in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, including Bellary district. In the early years of the mining scam's discovery, Bellary was described as 'Reddy Republic', where law never applied but only his diktats. His request is expected to be examined by the court on October 10.

Two, the Andhra Pradesh government, in August, filed a 'no objection' in the Supreme Court on Janardhana Reddy's plea to resume mining activities around the Bellary reserve forest area. The interstate border runs through this forest area. There are seven mining leases on the Karnataka side and six on the Andhra side, and Reddy has significant stakes on both sides. The Supreme Court suspended mining in this area because the boundary line had vanished.

The scam took shape when Y S Rajasekhara Reddy was the chief minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh, and now, his son heads the truncated state. The business-as-usual approach of the Andhra government in filing a 'no objection' has not gone down well in official and activist quarters but has only confirmed certain suspicions.

The third reason is a reaction to the second: The organisation that valiantly fought the mining case in the Supreme Court since 2009, Samaj Parivartana Samudaya (SPS) of Dharwad, led by S R Hiremath, has filed an impleading application in the apex court. They want to be a party to the case that will decide the resumption of mining by Janardhana Reddy. Prashant Bhushan was their lawyer earlier and now too.

Four, the Congress party's Bharat Jodo Yatra will pass through Obulapuram village in Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh and enter Karnataka at Bellary. This is in the second leg of the Yatra's Karnataka stretch. The name of Janardhana Reddy's mining company is eponymous with the village.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

The Congress party has to be reminded of the mining scam because they came to power in 2013 in Karnataka after a *padayatra* to Bellary, promising action against mining excesses. However, they not only buried their promise but disabled the Lokayukta that gave the most far-reaching report on the Bellary mining scam under Justice Santosh Hegde. Only a few weeks ago, the Karnataka High Court restored the powers of the Lokayukta. Here again, SPS' Hiremath played a role. Since the Congress party thinks that it is poised to return to power in 2023, its memory needs to be jogged.

Reasons two and three are central from the point of view of policy and protection of the environment, while reason one is rather personal and four is about conscience-keeping. If one looks at the impleading application filed by SPS a few weeks ago, it recalls the scam's legal history and also points out what has remained unattended. Citing its writ petition No. 562 of 2009, it tells the court that Janardhana Reddy's Obulapuram Mining Company "encroached into Karnataka by destroying the pillars demarcating the interstate border" between Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, and 10 hectares of reserved forest at the border has been consumed by illegal mining.

The application says the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) had done a site visit then to find out if mining had indeed taken place in the forest area and had concluded that in the absence of the boundary demarcation, it was difficult to make an assessment. Therefore, the MOEF had directed Andhra Pradesh to stop mining in the area until the Survey of India did a survey. However, "under pressure", the ministry kept the letter in abeyance. In their 2009 petition, SPS picked up this thread and urged that the interstate boundary at Bellary and Anantapur districts be surveyed. They had drawn attention to an ancient temple and a trigonometric survey station having been decimated at the border by the miners.

The Supreme Court in 2010 responded positively to the writ petition and set up a Central Empowered Committee (CEC) to file a report on illegal mining in Andhra Pradesh. That report was filed in early 2011, and the CEC recommended the cancellation of Janardhana Reddy's mining leases. Later in 2011, the apex court extended an ongoing CBI enquiry to probe illegal mining "links" of the Reddy company across the two states of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

Despite all this, nothing concrete happened concerning mining in and around forest areas because the two states "dragged their feet" for over a decade to accept the interstate boundary survey. They finally closed the matter in July 2022, which has prompted Janardhana Reddy to seek a resumption of mining. SPS has also followed up on the boundary settlement and is urging that the illegalities committed by the cluster of mining leases abutting the boundary now be given a hard look.

Coming back to reason four, when the Siddaramaiah government came to power in 2013, it had set up a cabinet sub-committee under the chairmanship of senior minister H K Patil. The panel did a fine job. It expanded on the already available Lokayukta report. Their compounded loss estimation to Karnataka from illegal mining was pegged at ₹1.43 lakh crore, significantly higher than the ₹12,228 crore estimation the Lokayukta had made.

But the Congress government totally ignored its cabinet sub-committee report. They also cold-shouldered the second Lokayukta report despite a truckload of supporting documents sent to them. Now, it may make sense to recall their own forgotten rhetoric when they walk through Obulapuram and Bellary as a part of the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

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BIG FAT FARM WEDDINGS

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Data is the new soil for global agriculture MNCs. As the use of digital technologies (robots, AI and drones) proliferates among farmers, agri-conglomerates rush to tie multiple nuptial knots with giants in technology, telecom, finance and space. In the process, the providers of farm inputs (seeds, fertilisers, herbicides and tractors) morph into "smart" and "farm services" Goliaths. Deere & Co, the world's largest farm machinery maker, employs more software engineers than mechanical ones. The aim: use Big Data and "precision farming" practices to target individual and specific plants and farm plots.

Welcome to the new, unexpected world of robotic farms and dream tractors, where farmers don't think, act minimally, relax, and reap profits. Drones and sensors assess soil quality and fertility to decide the crops to grow and the seeds to use. Data analytics gauge how, when and where to irrigate. Drones sow seeds and spray the required amounts of fertilisers and pesticides. GPS guides farm machinery. Satellite imagery collects information about yields and crop damages, even as sensors figure out the presence of weeds and pests. Cloud stores a massive amount of this data. Internet connects these technologies.

A recent global study, *Food Barons 2022*, by ETC Group, an international research and action collective, maps out the extent and expanse of corporate power in Big Food. It highlights how the above trends power agri-MNCs such as Bayer, BASF, Syngenta and Corteva to capture fertile corporate lands in non-farm areas. Data firms like Apple, Google, Microsoft, IBM, and Amazon are "tightly entangled" with them. China, which has the largest 5G network with 500 million users, hopes to build futuristic "smart farms". Farm firms partner with telecom players like AT&T and Verizon to expand rural connectivity.

The combined holding of the three largest global asset management firms—BlackRock, Vanguard and State Street—is over 20% each in several 'Big Ag' food firms. Planet Labs, which dubs itself as "Bloomberg Terminal for Earth Data", owns 15% of commercial satellites, collects 25 terabytes of data daily, and works closely with agri-MNCs. Big Tech ventures into space and undersea cables to enrich cloud computing. Microsoft has links with Elon Musk, who plans to launch 42,000 satellites in a few decades. Along with Google and Amazon, Facebook and Microsoft own or lease half of the undersea bandwidth. Asian companies from China and India have gatecrashed the digital farmhouse parties. India's Mahindra & Mahindra, the world's sixth largest farm equipment maker, has stakes in foreign firms specialising in predictive data analytics, AI and machine learning algorithms. It may use ag-drones in paddy and pepper fields in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Telecom giant Bharti Group, part-owns a satellite internet company. In her 2022 Budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that "*kisan* drones" will be used for crop assessment and spraying of fertilisers and insecticides.

The digital farm footprint expands furiously. Bayer, a renowned Big Ag firm, states the ETC study "extracts 87.5 billion data points from 180 million acres of farmland in 23 countries, and funnels it into the cloud servers of Microsoft and Amazon". Its ambitious plan, TraceHarvest Network, which uses blockchain technology, follows the motto, "know your farmer" from thousands of miles away. The network traces every deal from seed to stomach. This leads to the future possibility of "smart contracts", or "self-executing, automated agreements", which may control the entire gamut of the global food-and-farm chain.

FILE PICTURE

As companies aim to dominate, farmers resist, and governments are caught in the crossfire, two crucial standoffs stand out—data ownership and the right to repair

Critics contend that this can take "autonomy away from farmers and consumers", and hand it over to those "who write and structure the code for these digital agreements". As the farm-food-tech-telecom-space-finance marriages flourish, the farmers may lose decision-making powers and cede control to Big Ag. So will consumers. This is the main objective of the companies. Farm and food MNCs are under socio-economic threat due to backlash from growers and consumers, thanks to "trust issues". The croppers feel they will lose their lands if they give up their freedom. Consumers still favour local or known producers. Land grabs in the global South (Asia, Africa and Latin America) may accelerate as firms use Big Data to extricate more value and farm profits. UAE owns 45% of Louis Dreyfus, a huge commodity player. Such investments by cash-rich nations in Big Ag may grow in the future as the former strive to attain "climate-proof food security via offshore food production". "Mass privatisation and financialisation of land", states the *Food Barons* report, is an ongoing trend and can lead to "foreign control of productive farmlands". Even food-growing nations may be at risk and find it difficult to feed their citizens.

Of course, if Big Ag has to thrive in future, it has to break the stranglehold of agriculturalists. The bitter truth, which the companies cannot gulp down, is that despite their vast overreach, the peasants feed 70% of the global population, using less than 30% of resources. The three billion indigenous producers, i.e., rural and urban farmers, fishers and pastoralists, "create and conserve most of the world's biodiversity" and are "humanity's best defence against climate change". The farmer-controlled networks account for 80–90% of seeds and planting materials used annually.

As companies aim to dominate, farmers resist, and governments are caught in the crossfire, two crucial standoffs stand out—ownership of data and the right to repair. The ETC Group claims, "The legal ownership of (Big) data collected on-farm is murky at best." Deere & Co argues that selling its tractor implies a "license" to operate the vehicle but stops short of ownership. Hence, the company has complete rights over the tractor, its software, and the data generated on it. Local "right-to-repair" movements against Apple and Tesla wish to stop farmers from fixing the products they have purchased.

Ultimately, the war concerns who will monopolise the gigantic digital agriculture information. Even governments are divided—some bow down to corporate diktats. Others distrust Big Ag.

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Governors' roles blurred

Apropos of *Governors must be non-partisan and uphold founding deed* (Oct 4). Faisal C K has documented well the historical background of the gubernatorial posts of president and governor. As enumerated by the columnist, governors in many non-BJP-ruled states have either been delaying or refusing to grant assent to amendment bills proposed by state assemblies. How can we expect them to uphold the founding deed when most of them are appointed by the ruling party to safeguard the latter's interests?

S Nallasivan, Tirunelveli

Are governors needed?

Earlier, governors would give valuable advice, but now, their role seems to be more of a "checks and balances" one. The column by Faisal C K comes across as suggesting the governor must be a "yes man". In that case, Parliament ought to introspect if the post must be dispensed with.

R Sridharan, Chennai

EC takes a stand

The EC has finally told parties to disclose the authentic financial implications of poll promises. Because of high prices, even honest voters did not say anything against freebies. There is a need to differentiate between freebies and welfare. The latter is needed, but in no way is the former a permanent solution.

K V Seetharamaiah, Bengaluru

Fool's errand

The EC telling parties to disclose financial implications of poll promises seems like a fool's errand. Does a voter have the acumen to decipher these details? What action will EC take if ex-ante and ex-post figures don't match? There is a high likelihood of this.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

Can Tharoor make it?

Apropos of *Sudhakaran backs Kharge as Tharoor creates ripples* (Oct 4). Tharoor is an underdog and Kharge is considered a nominee of the Gandhi family. Indian politics requires street-smartness, muscle-flexing and belligerence. If he makes it, will the burden of being a non-Gandhi be too heavy?

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Love for books

Apropos of *Books worth ₹1.5 cr sold at Madurai fair* (Oct 4). It is gratifying that over three lakh people visited the recently concluded 11-day Madurai book fair where books worth ₹1.5 cr were sold. This amply disproves the oft-repeated statement that the advent and enormous sale of smartphones has dented the reading habit of the public in recent years.

S Vaithianathan, Madurai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
Was finally allowed to leave my residence only because the Union Home Minister has headed back to New Delhi

Lalu Prasad Yadav @laluprasadrjd
Trained by RSS and rhetorical students who came out of Sangh's pathshala, they collect votes by promising to give 2 crore jobs annually

Jignesh Mevani @jigneshmevani80
Which certificate did the people of the country ask for to become the Prime Minister? #CharacterCertificate

Many PCCs endorse Kharge as chief

Questions over fairness in polls as many state units back Kharge over Tharoor as party prez

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

AHEAD of the party's presidential poll, the rift in the Congress seems to have deepened, with some Pradesh Congress Committees (PCC) declaring support for Mallikarjun Kharge over Shashi Tharoor.

The Thiruvananthapuram MP is taking on the senior leader in the race for the top post. The election will be held on October 17 and the last date of withdrawal of nomination is October 8.

Though the party's central election authority issued guidelines barring office bearers from campaigning for candidates contesting the election, PCCs in Telangana and Kerala openly announced support for Kharge on the same day. Releasing a set of guidelines on Monday, the CEC said that those who wish to campaign for the candidates have to resign from their organisational post.

The Telangana PCC on Monday even urged Tharoor to withdraw from the contest, while leaders of Karnataka PCC have also extended support to Kharge's candidature. Speaking to this paper, a senior leader from Assam said that though they didn't receive any direct order from the high command to vote for Kharge, the signals from the top are indicative of their preference.

"Most of our delegates are rooting for Kharge as they are aware that he is the choice of the high command. It was clear from the way senior leaders rallied around him on the day the nominations were filed," said the leader.

> **It wouldn't be possible to learn which PCC voted for whom. The ballot boxes will be opened in Delhi in the presence of candidates**
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> Shashi Tharoor, Cong leader

Tharoor's move

During his campaign in Kerala, Tharoor tried to quell the fears of the Congress workers by saying that election will be done through secret ballot

Another leader pointed out that some states are under pressure to back Kharge as rumours are rife that those PCCs where Tharoor gets more votes will be dissolved.

During his campaign in Kerala, Tharoor tried to quell the fears of the Congress workers by saying that election will be done through secret ballot. "It wouldn't be possible to learn which PCC voted for whom. The ballot boxes will be opened in Delhi in the presence of candidates," he told media persons.

Tharoor also revealed that even Rahul Gandhi was asked to persuade him to withdraw from the race. "Rahul Gandhi told me that some party leaders have asked him to persuade me to withdraw. But he refused to do so. He said I should contest the election. He reminded me that he has been saying so for 10 years that there should be a contest for the party's president post," Tharoor said during his election campaign in Kerala.

Knives were out in the open in the Kerala unit after Tharoor reached the state for his campaigning. KPCC chief K Sudhakaran publicly supported Kharge's candidature. While Tharoor received support from young leaders, the division in the party ranks was apparent with leaders such as A K Antony and K Muraleedharan endorsing Kharge.

Another leader from Uttar Pradesh told this newspaper that the appointment of a new PCC chief in the middle of the election shows that it's not a 'free and fair' one.

Row over RSS gen secy's remark on poverty and unemployment

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

RASHTRIYA Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale's recent comments over poverty and unemployment in India have sparked a row, annoying a section of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP).

"What Dattatreya Hosabale articulated at a webinar may be his individual concern or observation over unemployment and poverty. But the PM Narendra Modi-led government has done remarkable work, and is still doing so, to tackle both unemployment and poverty," a senior BJP leader said.

Hosabale, speaking at a webinar on October 2, had said that poverty and unemployment have emerged as a "demonic-challenge" before the country. His comments provided ample opportunity to the Opposition to target the Modi government on social media. However, the BJP leaders were as quick in their reaction to defend the central government.

Fodder for Opposition

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"At a time when unemployment rate in India has reduced to 6.43 per cent, such unwarranted articulations from a responsible organisation should not have been made in the public domain without noting the government's performances on the issues," a senior BJP functionary said, preferring anonymity.

What has apparently irked the BJP the most is Hosabale's comment that there still are 23 crore people in the country having daily income of less than Rs 375. Hosabale had stated that inequality and unemployment are the two major issues that need to be tackled seriously. He had stated in the webinar that there are around 4 crore unemployed people in the country, including 2.2 crore villagers and 1.8 crore people in urban areas.

Hosabale, who has held a prominent position in the RSS since 2004, also quoted several steps taken by the Modi government in the past eight months.

Meanwhile, the RSS is learnt to have shared its serious concerns over the prevailing situation of poverty and unemployment to the Modi government. "At present, poverty and unemployment together are emerging as major challenges for any ruling political dispensation. We have to think over these issues honestly and act to tackle them before they assume huge proportions," a senior RSS functionary said. "We are hopeful to see more effective steps as the government is headed by a sensitive PM like Narendra Modi," the leader said.

Pakistan hybrid warfare threat: BSF rushes to order anti-drone tech

CHANDAN NANDY @New Delhi

FACED with increasing intrusions of drugs and weapons-carrying drones along the international border in Punjab and Rajasthan and the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu, the Union Home Ministry has approved a BSF move to acquire and use a number of anti-drone guns and jammers.

This would make the BSF the first Indian paramilitary force to procure and put to operational use anti-drone systems and guns on the western and northern sectors of the borders.

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) sources said that the BSF has also been given the nod to procure an array of electronic and digital systems to "detect the presence of electronic devices" that were recently found to have been used by the Pakistan ISI in border guarding force's 'area of responsibility' in Amritsar.

Besides, the BSF is also collaborating with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to partner with IIT-Bombay's National Centre of Excellence in Technology for Internal Security to develop a canine mounted video surveillance system that will be able to access difficult and risky "spaces" such as tunnels and buildings in control of intruders.

An MHA source said that the security forces have initiated a response to the "hybrid warfare" launched by the Pakistan army, ISI and Rangers who have also taken to using "flying suites" aimed at pin-point targeting of Indian installations.

But the "immediate requirement", according to MHA sources, was for anti-drone technologies for which the BSF has shortlisted for acquiring electronic jammers and guns with two start-ups, Pune-based Gurutvaa Systems and Chennai-based Big Bang Boom Solutions, respectively.

While MHA sources did not disclose the number of UAV-disabling jammers and guns the BSF has ordered, they said that the hand-held gadgets went through field trials in Jammu and Punjab in November 2021, before the two companies were shortlisted for supplying the two "vital" counter-drone weapons.

CJI Lalit takes many historic steps in first month in office

SHRUTI KAKKAR @New Delhi

WITHIN a month of CJI UU Lalit being appointed as the 49th CJI, country's top court along with lawyers, journalists and the common man has witnessed many unprecedented moves in the judiciary. On August 27, when he had assumed office, Lalit had big plans lined up in his short tenure which was a race against time.

To fulfill his promises, Lalit since his first day has been diligently taking constructive steps in quick succession by introducing a prompt and systematic listing of cases. He also brought in a new system as per which judges on non miscellaneous days (NMD's) Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday firstly take up old cases in the morning session and then fresh cases in the post lunch session.

Various important matters of constitutional and national significance such as the pleas challenging constitutionality of Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019, Centre's demonetisation policy of 2016 and constitution bench issues such as challenge to WhatsApp's privacy policy which were lying in judicial dockets since many years in one month of him taking charge as the head of SC could see the light of the day.

On September 27 which marked a month of him taking oath, eight lakh viewers tuned into the first ever live session to watch proceedings that were going on before three constitution benches. This was only possible when all SC judges in the full bench meeting headed by CJI Lalit unanimously agreed to live stream constitution bench cases of constitutional and national importance. It was on that day that SC's ruling where it allowed live streaming of its hearings had observed that "sunlight is the best disinfectant" could be implemented in its truest sense.

During the tenure of Justice Bobde and Justice Ramana it was challenging to get matters listed, said SC Bar Association president and senior advocate Vikas Singh. Speaking to this newspaper he said, "The bar is very happy that the matters are getting listed which, but now the matters are at least getting listed."

ALSO IN TOP COURT

'Model builder-buyer agreement soon'

Central Government recently told the SC bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Hima Kohli that it would prepare a model builder buyer agreement for sale containing core clause for protection of home buyers which would not be subject to alteration by any states or the union territories. Government's response came in a plea filed by BJP leader Ashwini Upadhyay seeking seeking to frame a model builder-buyer agreement and an agent-buyer agreement in the real estate sector as envisaged under the RERA. Taking note of the fact that some states have not filed their replies, court also asked them to file them soon.

CBI against HC order on tainted TMC leader

CBI has approached top court against Calcutta HC's order of asking the agency to not take coercive measures against TMC leader Anubrata Mondal without court's leave in the Bengal post poll violence case. A bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia will consider CBI's plea against HC's February 3rd order passed by the bench of Justice Rajashekhar Mantha on October 10. HC's order had come in the plea seeking protection from arrest pursuant to the notice issued by CBI asking him to appear before the investigating team for the probe with regards to the post poll violence.

Consumer rights body notice to Patanjali for misleading ads

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @New Delhi

THE Central Consumer Protection Authority has issued a notice to Patanjali Ayurved for a misleading advertisement of its drugs claiming that it cures a slew of conditions from blood pressure and diabetes to liver ailments.

The consumer rights protection body acted after Kannur-based ophthalmologist KV Babu filed a Right To Information (RTI) query seeking details about action taken against Patanjali.

The CCPA, under the new Consumer Protection Act which came into force on July 20, 2020, is empowered to conduct investigations into violations of consumer rights that also include misleading advertisements by pharmaceutical companies. The CCPA can also impose penalties on manufacturers, endorsers, and publishers of misleading advertisements.

In its reply to Babu's RTI query, the ministry of consumer affairs said that the notice to Divya Pharmacy and Patanjali Wellness has also been forwarded to the Ministry of Ayush.

Petitioner seeks ₹50 lakh fine

The petitioner, Kerala-based ophthalmologist K V Babu in his Right To Information (RTI) query told this newspaper that as Patanjali is a "repeat violator", and up to ₹50 lakh fine can be levied against Patanjali Ayurved

The ministry had earlier found that advertisements by Patanjali to promote Lipidom, Livogrit, and Livamrit brands of medicines were misleading and violated the Drugs and Magic Remedies (objectionable advertisement) act 1954 and Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940.

Lipidom, made by Divya Pharmacy, had advertised in February this year that it reduces cholesterol within a week, and prevents heart problems, stroke and blood pressure.

Livigrit and Livamrit were advertised as a cure for fatty liver, liver cirrhosis and digestive system.

Babu told this newspaper that as Patanjali is a "repeat violator", and up to ₹50 lakh fine can be levied against them. "I am very happy with this move. This is the first time the CCPA has issued notice to Patanjali for a misleading advertisement in 2022. This will go a long way in addressing this menace," Babu said. "I am sure CCPA will implement the Consumer Protection Act and enforce it. Once action is taken, it will act as a deterrent not only for Patanjali but others too," Babu said.

India, New Zealand can enhance ties in dairy, agriculture: Minister

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

NEW Zealand is looking at enhancing trade ties with India and boosting collaborations in dairy and agricultural sectors, the country's trade minister, Damien O'Connor, told this newspaper.

"The major sectors that we can collaborate on are dairy, agriculture and animal husbandry. In the diary sector, for instance, we can provide technological knowhow on traceability of animals. India has the largest cattle population and this will help farmers keep a tab as well as in track diseases," O'Connor said.

The trade minister was in India with a 20-member delegation which included businessmen from various sectors. They had meetings with businessmen in India to look at possible partnerships. The bilateral trade between India and New Zealand stood at $2.64 billion before the outbreak of the pandemic.

"There is further scope of expansion in technological knowhow, education and tourism," O'Connor added.

New Zealand is looking at free and independent trade in the Indo-Pacific, and India is one country they would like to enhance their partnership with. "We would be happy to see an improved connectivity between our two countries. Direct flights will help in tourism too," the minister added.

New Zealand is also looking at partnering with Indian farmers for providing support in growing fruits like kiwi. They are also hoping that during the off-season, import of kiwi fruit from New Zealand is given tariff reductions.

Meanwhile, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar will visit New Zealand and meet Prime Minster Jacinda Ardern on Thursday.

"A postage stamp will be released commemorating and showcasing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in New Zealand. He will also launch the book, Modi @20: Dreams meet Delivery. Another book showcasing PM Modi's bond with the Sikh community, titled Heartfelt –The Legacy of Faith, will also be released," according to the Ministry of External Affairs.

In Auckland, Jaishankar will have bilateral meetings with his counterpart Nanaia Mahuta to discuss bilateral relations. He will also interact with Priyanca Radhakrishnan, the Minister of Community and Voluntary Sector, Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities, and Youth. She happens to be the first person of Indian origin to become a minister in New Zealand.

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Time magazine: Alt News & Mander's outfit among favourites for Nobel Peace Prize

CHANDAN NANDY & BALA CHAUHAN @New Delhi/Bengaluru

TWO days before the Nobel Peace Prize winners are declared, Time magazine on Wednesday described as a "favourite" for the global award India's fact-checking website Alt News, one of whose co-founders was arrested in June for a tweet he posted in 2018.

The Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), which releases an annual shortlist for the Nobel Peace Prize based on its research of peaceful relations between states, groups and people, has also picked activist Harsh Mander and his organisation Karwan-e-Mohabbat. Time named Mander and Karwan-e-Mohabbat as "other contenders" for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Pointing out that "making a significant contribution to promoting interreligious dialogue is... a compelling rationale for being awarded a Nobel Peace Prize," PRIO said that Mander "is a worthy recipient of such a prize" along with Karwan-e-Mohabbat which was launched in 2017.

Time said in its report that Alt News co-founders Pratrik Sinha and Mohammad Zubair "have relentlessly been battling misinformation in India..."

Sinha and Zubair also found mention in PRIO director Henrik Urdal's shortlist where they are described as "worthy candidates for a prize focused on combating intolerance in India".

Speaking to this newspaper, Sinha said, "We have to wait for Friday when the winners will be declared." He said that they were never approached by anyone. "The PRIO may have picked us because of our work (on fact checking fake news) on digital media. They probably have representatives in almost all countries," he added.

"Whether we get the award or not, our nomination (for the most coveted peace prize, globally) comes as a big support at a time, when fact checking fake news has landed us in trouble. It validates our work and brings in some level of security from false cases being foisted against us in the future," Sinha said.

Zubair (40) was arrested on June 27 by the special cell, Delhi Police for a 2018 tweet. As per their First Information Report, the tweet was "highly provocative and more than sufficient to incite feelings of hatred." The Supreme Court on July 20 had granted him interim bail in all the six cases registered against him by the UP Police accusing him of hurting religious sentiments through his tweets.

There are 343 candidates — 251 individuals and 92 organisations — in the running for the Nobel Peace Prize for 2022. Besides Sinha, Zubair and Mander, Ukraine President Volodomyr Zelensky, the UN Refugee Agency, the WHO and Russian dissenter and Vladimir Putin critic Alexey Navalny have also been featured on the list.

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> Pratik Sinha, Alt News

'Alt News battling misinfo during BJP rule'

Time magazine in its report said that Pratik Sinha and Mohammad Zubair co-founders of fact-check outlet Alt News "have relentlessly been battling misinformation in India, where Hindu nationalist BJP party has been accused of frequently stoking discrimination against Muslims. Sinha and Zubair have methodically debunked rumours and fake news circulating on social media and called out hate speech"

OP CHAUTALA ADMITTED

Former Haryana chief minister and Indian National Lok Dal supremo Om Prakash Chautala has been admitted to the Medanta Hospital in Gurugram with a fever and stomach infection, sources said on Wednesday

6 DROWNED DURING DURGA IDOL IMMERSION IN AJMER

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	24	Mumbai	34	26
Bhopal	34	24	Panaji	34	26
Jaipur	37	25	Patna	34	25
Amritsar	36	28	Lucknow	35	25
Chennai	35	26	Port Blair	39	27
Kolkata	34	26	Imphal	32	22
Srinagar	32	27	Chandigarh	36	28

Kashmiri youth dies in accidental police firing

Four militants killed in two separate encounters in Shopian

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A youth was killed in an accidental police firing in south Kashmir's Pulwama district while four local militants were killed in two separate encounters in Shopian.

The youth was critically injured after a policeman allegedly fired at him accidentally at Haal area of Pulwama in south Kashmir. Identified as Mohammad Asif Padroo, resident of Poterwaal, Shopian, the injured youth was rushed to Srinagar hospital, where he succumbed to injuries.

ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar while confirming the incident said the rifle of a policeman accidentally went off while on duty at Haal Pulwama on Wednesday. The ADGP said police has registered a case and the policeman involved in the incident has been arrested.

"Further investigation is going on," he added. The killing of youth in police fire has been condemned by the political parties.

Meanwhile, an encounter erupted between troops and militants in village Drach Keegam area of Shopian in south Kashmir during a cordon and search operation launched by security forces. In the ensuing gunfight, which continued for about five hours, three local Jaish-e-Mohammad militants were killed, a police official said.

The slain militants were identified as Zubair Maqbool Wani, Jamsheed Ahmad Magray and Hanaan Bin Yaqoob alias Saqib.

"Yaqoob and Jamsheed were involved in killing of SPO and a migrant labourer from West Bengal," the ADGP said.

Another gunfight erupted when militants fired on a joint search party of police, CRPF and army at Moolu area of Shopian in the early hours on Wednesday. In the ensuing firefight, a local militant identified as Arif Rashid was killed.

Police said the slain militant was a categorised militant linked with LeT. "He was involved in several militancy incidents, including attacks on security forces and civilians."

'Double-engine' helped Himachal: PM

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AMID the beating of traditional drums and nagaras in Himachal's Bilaspur district, Prime Minister Modi on Wednesday said that "unprecedented development" of the state was possible only through 'double-engine' government at the state and Central levels.

The PM addressed his public meeting in the local dialect, congratulating the people on Vijayadashami. Later he inaugurated AIIMS and a hydro-engineering college.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur presented the PM with a Ransingha -- a trumpet-like traditional instrument. Modi played the instrument and said, "This marks the beginning of each future victory."

In his address, the PM said Himachal Pradesh has played a crucial role in 'rashtra raksha' (protecting the nation) by sending a large number of youths to the defence forces. "With AIIMs at Bilaspur, the state will play a pivotal role in 'jeevan raksha' (saving lives)," he said.

"It will be a green AIIMS with all facilities being eco-friendly. The people will get advanced medical care with AIIMS and five new medical colleges coming up in the state," said the PM.

"The state government and the Centre have worked closely over the last eight years to ensure that benefits of development reach the remotest parts of the country," he added.

PM Narendra Modi addressed his public meeting in the local dialect and congratulated the people on Vijayadashami in Bilaspur on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Major announcements

- 5 new medical colleges coming up in the state
- Every year the state will get more doctors and nurses
- Himachal is among the four states chosen for setting up a medical device park
- Bilaspur gets 'double gift' with the inauguration of AIIMS and the Hydro Engineering College
- Modi congratulated Himachal for becoming the first state to formulate a drone policy

He blamed the previous governments for only laying foundation stones for development works and later forgetting the projects after elections.

"Medical tourism in Himachal Pradesh has immense potential. It is among the four states chosen for setting up a medical device park," Modi said.

He also broached the issue of 'one rank, one pension' for the armed forces, saying this has helped the state that has a large section of families with at least one member serving the forces.

Modi congratulated Himachal Pradesh for being the first state to formulate a drone policy. Drones will be used for the transportation of medicines and other goods, he added.

On woman voters that form almost half of the electorate in the state, Modi said several government schemes were aimed at making the lives of women better.

BJP chief JP Nadda, who belongs to the state, said in his address that Himachal was neglected by Congress governments, which withdrew a special financial package given to the state.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said projects over Rs 10,000 crore have come to the state, courtesy the Central government.

The PM along with Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar and the CM participated in the opening of the rath yatra" marking the International Kullu Dussehra. Modi walked to the main attraction of the weeklong festival with thousands of other devotees and offered prayers to Lord Raghunath.

Modi witnessed the traditional yatra along with the grand assembly of deities to mark the historic Kullu Dussehra celebrations.

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Nana Patekar wants to be Uttrakhand resident

Actor Nana Patekar wants to become a permanent resident of Uttarakhand. He has also expressed his wish to state Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. In the state to shoot for a Marathi film, Nana expressed his love for the natural beauty of Uttarakhand and how conducive the hilly locales are for films shoots. Nana's love for the people of Devbhoomi is famous, and he holds their gentleness close to his heart. He said he has always had good experience while shooting here and that has inspired him to make his home in Devbhoomi. The chief minister had recently assured that the state's film policy is being made more attractive with an addition of single window clearance system for permits to filmmakers.

This artist's effigies a hit at Dussehra fairs

Rishikesh witnessed a unique example of communal harmony of cementing ties between two religious communities. Riyazuddin, who hails from Muzaffarnagar Uttar Pradesh and now a Rishikesh resident, has been working for 57 years in making effigies following the Dussehra tradition. Riyazuddin's creations take centre stage at the city's Dussehra fair and festivities, and it signifies the victory of truth over unrighteousness – that of Lord Shri Ram. While Riyazuddin's son Safiq Ahmed has taken over the business after his death, the latter has been phenomenal in furthering this tradition which speaks volumes about communal harmony.

State gets facility for law-breaking animals

The term 'jungle raj' is a realm where savages (political adversaries) annihilate each other for survival (political reward), a concept which arose from our imagination of animals and the jungle being primitive and 'lawless'. The state has now opened the Chidiyapur Transit and Rehabilitation Centre, a correctional facility for law-breaking animals. The centre at Najibabad highway near Haridwar has nine leopards jailed on charges of manslaughter and entering human settlements. These leopards will never be released now as they are serving life sentences.

Uddhav, Shinde in war of words in Dussehra rallies

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

SHIV Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday told his supporters at the traditional Dussehra rally at Mumbai's Shivaji Park that the party has not left its Hindutva plank and that he would continue to treat the rebels led by CM Eknath Shinde as traitors.

"They (the rebels) are parasites who have crept up the Shiv Sena tree. They should understand that without a tree, they have no worth. We are happy that these traitors have left us. Now, new leadership will emerge," said Uddhav.

"We gave everything to him (Shinde)... his son was made Lok Sabha MP. People who come here love Sena and the Thackeray family," Uddhav said.

The Sena chief said Shinde's faction is not the Sena at all. "They are parasites who have grown on the Shiv Sena tree. They should understand that without a tree, the parasite has no value. We are happy that these traitors have left us. Now, new leadership will emerge," Thackeray said.

The Sena chief sought to keep the party's Hindutva line. "We left the BJP, not Hindutva. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat recently visited a mosque. Does that mean that RSS left Hindutva? The BJP has no authority to speak on Hindutva," said Uddhav. He also recalled LK Advani's visit to the Jinnah memorial in Pakistan, saying the BJP was not the sole spokesperson for Hindutva. "The BJP also allied with Mehbooba Mufti for power in Jammu and Kashmir," Thackeray said.

Thackeray said many development projects were "snatched" from Maharashtra and shifted to Gujarat. "We have no ill-will against Gujarat. However, our chief minister (Shinde) keeps visiting Delhi. In the last 100 days of this new government, Shinde might have gone to Delhi for 99 days. He has no authority...even hike mike was snatched by his deputy," Thackeray said.

He said when he was the CM, deputy CM Ajit Pawar remained respectful. "The Congress and NCP respected me and the chief minister's chair."

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde in his parallel Dussehra rally at BKC said that far from being a traitor; his party was the "real follower" of Balasaheb Thackeray.

"We never betrayed the legacy of Balasaheb. In fact, Uddhav Thackeray cheated the party and is a traitor. They forgot the Balasaheb legacy. By joining hands with Congress and NCP, Uddhav forgot his father. We are the protectors of Sena legacy," Shinde said.

Shinde demanded Uddhav's apology for "cheating" the party. "The people assembled here represent the real Shiv Sena. We have the support of all party MLAs and MPs," he said.

"We took this step (rebellion) to save the Shiv Sena, preserve the principles of Balasaheb, Hindutva and for the betterment of Maharashtra," he said, adding he has been getting an overwhelming response for the decision.

The CM asked Uddhav to apologize at Bal Thackeray's memorial for going against his ideals and aligning with one-time political rivals, the Congress and NCP.

Dussehra rally of Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray at Shivaji Park ground in Mumbai on Wednesday | PTI

Face-off in Mumbai

In separate rallies in Mumbai, Shiv Sena's Uddhav Thackeray and the leader of the rebel group, CM Eknath Shinde took potshots at each other. While Uddhav called the rebels traitors, Shinde defended his faction by saying that his rebellion was not an act of "betrayal", but a "revolt" and asked Uddhav to apologize at Bal Thackeray's memorial for aligning with the Congress and the NCP.

Nitish govt to move SC against HC order on 'illegal' quota in civic polls

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR government has decided to move to the Supreme Court against Patna High Court's order ruling that reservation of seats for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) in the state's urban local bodies was 'illegal'.

After the HC's order, the State Election Commission has already cancelled the civic polls, scheduled to be held in two phases on October 10 and October 20.

The commission would release fresh dates of the civic polls later. Confirming the state government's decision to move to the apex court against Patna High Court's order in which it declared reservations for OBCs and EBCs in the civic polls illegal, senior JD (U) minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary said that the state government had been consistently working for the welfare of EBCs during the last 15 years and so in a situation, the government would ensure that their rights were protected.

"The HC's decision, if executed, will push EBCs socially back and the state government expects that the decision of the Supreme Court will come in its favour," he remarked.

Choudhary said that provision for reservation for EBCs in the state was made in 2007 itself and since then three civic polls had been conducted following it during the last 15 years. He hoped that the SC would do justice with EBCs. JD (U) parliamentary board chairman Upendra Kushwaha also termed the HC's decision unfortunate and said that his party would launch a movement against it. "JD(U) will launch 'pol khol andolan' against the union government and BJP's conspiracy," he said.

Rift in grand alliance

Amid growing perception that RJD is exerting pressure on Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar to relinquish his post for deputy chief minister Tejashwi Yadav, smaller constituents of the grand alliance have demanded the constitution of a coordination committee for running the government smoothly.

Woman beaten to death at Durga puja pandal for not paying subscription

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

A 45-year-old homemaker was beaten to death after she turned up at a Durga puja pandal to offer prayer without paying puja subscription in Murshidabad on Tuesday. She was beaten up with fist and blows, and bamboo stick as her family refused to pay puja subscription and she turned up at the pandal to offer prayer. Five people, including two women have been arrested.

According to police, the bizarre incident took place at Sanyasidanga village in Murshidabad district.

"Suchitra Mondal, the deceased, came to the puja pandal like others to offer prayer. On seeing her present at the pandal, a section of women and puja organisers restrained her from moving further towards the idol of goddess Durga. The organisers told her that she would not be allowed at the pandal because her family refused to pay puja subscription when other villagers paid," said an officer of Murshidabad district police.

Five arrested

Suchitra was beaten up with fists and blows, and bamboo sticks as her family refused to pay puja subscription and she turned up at the pandal to offer prayer. She was rescued by her neighbours and taken to a local healthcare centre where she succumbed to her injuries

Suchitra was not ready to leave the puja pandal and she was determined to offer prayer. "During the course of the altercation, those who restrained the women pounced on her and assaulted her. Unable to protect herself, Suchitra slumped to the ground," said the police officer.

Mrinmay Mondal, nephew of the deceased, said the puja organisers threatened his aunt with dire consequences if she goes in front of the idol.

"As she refused to pay heed to the warning, a group of women and puja organisers started beating up her. They did not even spare my aunt when she fell on the ground. She was beaten up with bamboo sticks. Other villagers intervened and came to my aunt's rescue," he recounted.

Suchitra was rescued by her neighbours and she was taken to a local healthcare centre where she succumbed to her injuries. "Post mortem report of the victim said she received injuries on her head and chest which turned out to be fatal," said a police officer.

Bisakha Sarkar, one of Suchitra's neighbours, said the incident was beyond imagination. "We want to see all the culprits behind the bars and exemplary punishment for them," she said.

PUNJAB

Kin shocked after family kidnapped in US

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chandigarh

THE parents and relatives of the Indian-origin family of four, including an eight-month-old child hailing from Punjab and abducted from California in the United States on Monday are in a state of shock. The parents of the kidnapped brothers who had recently returned from the US after meeting both their sons have left for the US. The law enforcement agencies are continuing their search of the family after a truck belonging to a victim was found torched in a rural area outside the Merced Country.

On Monday, 36-year old Jasdeep Singh, his wife Jasleen Kaur (27), their 8-month-old daughter Aroohi Dheri and Jasdeep's older brother Amandeep Singh (39) were kidnapped. In 2019, Jasdeep and Jasleen got married in India.

Row erupts over Gujarat governor replacing Ela Bhatt as Vidyapith head

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE Gujarat Vidyapith founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1920 is beset with a controversy over the imminent appointment of Governor Acharya Devvrat as the Chancellor replacing Ela Bhatt (89), an eminent Gandhian, social activist, and founder of Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA).

A section of Gandhians has deplored the move, saying the RSS has now gained a foothold in the last remaining independent Vidyapith, a deemed university, established by Mahatma Gandhi.

A meeting of the Vidyapith trustees was called on Tuesday to take stock of the resignation of the current Chancellor Ela Bhatt. The Gujarat Vidyapith Governing Council (GVGC) informed the trustees that it has decided to accept the resignation of Ela Bhatt, and that the council would approach Governor Acharya Devvrat and request him to take over as the 12th Chancellor of the university.

A Vidyapith statement said: "After a detailed discussion, it was decided to accept the resignation tendered by Chancellor Ela Bhatt and respect her feelings. Ms Bhatt will remain in the post till October 19." It added that a Vidyapith delegation would go to invite the Governor," said the statement.

Some Gandhians have expressed their resentment against the move, alleging that it is an attempt to destroy the Mahatma's ideology. Activist and Gandhian philosopher Mahesh Panday said while Godse had assassinated the Mahatma, attempts were now being made to 'saffronize' the Gandhian ideology and institution. "Gujarat Vidyapeeth is the last Gandhian institution which is now being uprooted."

Prof Hemant Kumar Shah alleged the trustees were saffronizing the Vidyapith. "The trustees and the Vice Chancellor have themselves invited the Sangh Parivar to saffronize the Vidyapeeth. It is sad that instead of deciding on the recent high court judgment to oust the vice-chancellor, the trustees have invited a staunch RSS person to head the institution," he said.

Former state Congress chief Arjun Modhwadia also condemned the government move. Ever since the BJP came to power in Gujarat, they have appointed their people at the helm of Gandhian institutions.

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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE V PRL. JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BENGALURU
M.C. No. 1743 of 2022

IN THE MATTER OF :
Smt. Suprada D @ Suprada W. **: PETITIONER**
-VERSUS-
Sri. Christopher Jeevan William **: RESPONDENT**

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To:
Sri. Christopher Jeevan Williams S/o. Sri. F.W. William aged major R/a # 746/6, 1st Main, Opp.SSR Building, Chokkasandra, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560 057.
Whereas the petitioner in the above petition has filed the above petition for Divorce U/S. 10 (1) (x) & (x) of Indian Divorce Act. 1869.
You are hereby summoned to appear in person or by pleader before this Hon'ble V Addl. Principal Family Judge at Bengaluru.
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day of 22-11-2022 the petition will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court on 23.09.2022.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristedar, Family Court, Bangalore

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IFT:No:SDCMUL/PUR/E.Proc/Tender-281D/5768/2022-23 Date: 01.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Through GOK E-Procurement Portal only - Logon to: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Shivamogga, Davanagere and Chitradurga Dist Co-Operative Milk Producer's Societies Union Ltd., invites in two tender document system i.e. technical and commercial system from the manufactures or from interested eligible bidders for supply of following materials.

S.N	Particulars	Qty	EMD in ₹
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3	Printing & Supply of Ordinary diaries - 2023	5,000 Nos	10,000/-
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2. Last date for uploading the filled Tender documents : on or before 20.10.2022 up to 16.00 Hours
3. Date of opening of Technical Tender : 21.10.2022 at 17.00 Hours
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Sd/- Managing Director,
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BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY APPELLATE TRIBUNAL, AT CHENNAI
7th Floor, Shastri Bhavan, Addl. Office Building, Haddows Road, Chennai-600 006

A.I.R. (SA) No. 160/2022

Between :
R.V.Nathan **...Appellant**
And :
Indian Bank and Others **...Respondents**

NOTICE

The appellant has filed an appeal under Section 18 of SARFAESI Act, in AIR(SA)160/2022, before this Hon'ble Tribunal, against the order dt.12.4.2022 in SA No. 340/2017 passed by DRT-II, Bangalore. Since the notices sent to you to appear before it on 16.8.2022 returned with remarks 'addressee left', the Hon'ble DRAT reposted the matter to 17.10.2022. Therefore, you are hereby advised to appear before the Hon'ble DRAT, situated at 7th Floor, Shastri Bhavan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600 006, on **17.10.2022 at 10.30 AM** in person or through your counsel. If you fail to appear before the Hon'ble DRAT, Chennai, on 17.10.2022, the matter will be heard and decided in your absence, which please note.

Sd/- Registrar,
Dt: 26.09.2022 DRAT Chennai

To: **R-3:** Smt.Padma Kodandaram
R-3(a) :Shri L.M.Kodandarama Setty,
Both are residing at: No. 77, Hombelaku, 1st Floor, 10th Main, Girinagar, Bengaluru - 560 085.

By Order of the Hon'ble, DRAT, Chennai
M.A. Rajendra
Advocate for Applicant

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

TENDER NOTIFICATION Ref No. C4 / 9539 / 2022, Dated: 06.10.2022
Joint Director of Agriculture, Pudukkottai invites sealed Tenders in two cover system from the reputed entities for the following items.

Sl.No.	Name of the Item	Approximate Value for each item in Rs.	Earnest Money Deposit to be paid for each items in Rs.
1.	Transportation of Carrier based Biofertilizers and Liquid Biofertilizers	1,00,00,000/-	1,00,000/-
2.	Supply of raw materials for the production of Micronutrient Mixtures	17,53,40,700/-	17,53,407/-
	Total	18,53,40,700/-	18,53,407/-

Separate sealed tender **(Technical Bid & Price Bid Cover)** should be submitted separately for each of the work mentioned above along with specified EMD

The time schedule for opening of the tender is as follows:

I	Sale of tender document closes on	06.11.2022, 5.30 P.M.
II	Last date and time for receipt of tender	07.11.2022, 11.00 A.M. & 11.30 A.M.
III	Date and time of opening of tender	07.11.2022, 11.30 A.M. & 12.00 Noon
IV	Date and time for Pre-bid meeting	21.10.2022, 11.00 A.M. & 11.30 A.M.

Tender document can be obtained upto **06.11.2022, 5.30 P.M** in the below address on payment of **Rs. 1120/-** by via Demand Draft for Tender in all working days.
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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For immovable properties)

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **22.06.2022** calling upon the Borrower/Mortgagor, **M/s KSR Properties Pvt Ltd.,** H.No.16/19, Flat No.301, Mahalakshmi Nivas, Sagar Society, Road No.2, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad- 560 034. Telangana State, **Also at: (i)** Sri Durga Arcade, 1st Floor, Site No.5 in MCHS, K.V. Jairam Road, Jakkur Layout, Bengaluru- 560 064, **(ii)** KSR Basil, Sy.No.68/2, Huskur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Old Madras Road, Bengaluru-560 049 and guarantors/mortgagors, **(1) Shri. Kundaru Ramana Reddy,** S/o Shri. Venkata Reddy, **(2) Smt. Saritha Kundaru,** W/o Shri. Kundaru Ramana Reddy, **Both (1) & (2) are residing at: (i)** H. No. 16/19, Flat No.301, Mahalakshmi Nivas, Sagar Society, Road No.2, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad- 500 034. **(ii)** H.No.8-2-293/82/421, P.No.421, Road 22, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500 033, **(iii)** Plot No.24-B, Ektha Prime High Land Park, Puppalaguda Village, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Gachibowli, Hyderabad-500 081, Telangana State, **Also at: (iv)** No.8-2-22/68/V/16 and 19, Road No.2, Near Challa Eye Care, Sagar Society, Hyderabad- 560 034, Telangana State, **(v)** F.I. Mehar Apartment, CBM Compound, Visakhapatnam- 530 003, Andhra Pradesh State, **(vi)** Sri Durga Arcade, 1st Floor, Site No.5 in MCHS, K.V. Jairam Road, Jakkur Layout, Bengaluru- 560 064, **(vii)** M/s KSR Properties Pvt Ltd., KSR Basil, Sy.No.68/2, Huskur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Old Madras Road, Bengaluru-560 049 **(3) Shri Hari Babu Kaka**, S/o Shri. Kaka Venkateswarlu, No.13-1-55/E/50, Avanti Nagar, Erragadda, P. R Nagar, Motinagar, Hyderabad – 500018, Telangana State. **Also at:** (i) H. No.16/19, Flat No.301, Mahalakshmi Nivas, Sagar Society, Road No.2, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500 034, Telangana State. (ii) M/s KSR Properties Pvt Ltd., KSR Basil, Sy.No.68/2, Huskur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Old Madras Road, Bengaluru-560 049, **(iii)** Sri Durga Arcade, 1st Floor, Site No.5 in MCHS, K.V. Jairam Road, Jakkur Layout, Bengaluru- 560 064 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.35,59,74,789/- (Rupees Thirty Five Crore Fifty Nine Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine Only) as on 21.06.2022** + interest from **22.06.2022** + incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantors/mortgagors having failed to repay the amount in full as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantors/mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **03.10.2022**

The borrower/guarantors/mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with these below mentioned immovable properties and any dealings with the said immovable properties will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.37,01,79,115/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Crore One Lakh Seventy nine Thousand One Hundred and Fifteen Only) as on 14.09.2022** and future interest at contractual rate from **15.09.2022** together with incidental expenses thereon.

The borrower/guarantors/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

1. All that piece and parcel of the immovable property Flat bearing No.CA-00-02, 'A' Block, situated on the ground Floor in building known as "KSR CORDELIA" together with 335 Sq. feet of undivided right, title and interest in land and 1039 square feet of super built up area consisting of Two Bedrooms, Kitchen, bathrooms, vitrified flooring and all amenities inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use, with Right to use one covered Car Parking Space/s in the Basement Levels etc., Constructed on the property bearing Sy No.66, 67/1, 67/2, situated at Dasarahalli village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), standing in the name of Mr. Kunduru Ramana Reddy, vide Sale Deed dated 24.03.2015 and Registered as Document No.BNS-1-21555/2014-15 stored in CD No.BNSD362 on 24.03.2015 at SRO, Shivajinagar(Banaswadi), Bengaluru and Rectification Deed dated 25.03.2015 and Registered as Document No.BNS-1-21752/2014-15 stored in CD No.BNSD363 dated 26.03.2015 at SRO, Shivajinagar(Banaswadi), Bengaluru and bounded on : East by:Remaining portion of Sy. No.67/2 & thereafter, Sy.No.65,West by:Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 66,North by :Property bearing Sy. No. 66, South by: Property bearing Sy. No. 68
2. All that piece and parcel of immovable property- Flat bearing No.CA-06-12, 'A' Block, situated on the 6th Floor in building known as "KSR CORDELIA" together with 339 Sq. feet of undivided right, title and interest in land and 1050 square feet of super built up area consisting of two Bedrooms, Kitchen, bathrooms, vitrified flooring and all amenities inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use, with Right to use One covered Car Parking Space/s in the Basement Levels etc, Constructed on the property bearing Sy. No.66, 67/1,67/2, situated at Dasarahalli village, K.R.PuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagarPalike (BBMP), standing in the name of Mr. Kunduru Ramana Reddy, vide Sale Deed dated 24.03.2015 and Registered as Document No.BNS-1-21567/2014-15 stored in CD No.BNSD362 on 24.03.2015 at SRO, Shivajinagar (Banaswadi), Bengaluru and bounded on: East by :Remaining portion of Sy. No.67/2 & thereafter Sy. No.65, West by :Remaining portion of Sy. No.66, North by :Property No. Sy. No.66, South by:Property No. Sy. No.68.
3. All that piece and parcel of the immovable property Flat bearing No.CB-02-02, B-Block situated on the 2nd Floor in building known as "KSR CORDELIA" together with 334 Sq. feet of undivided right, title and interest in land and 1035 square feet of super built up area consisting of Two Bedrooms, Kitchen, bathrooms, vitrified flooring and all amenities inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use, with Right to use one covered Car Parking Space/s in the Basement Levels etc., Constructed on the property bearing Sy No.66, 67/1, 67/2, situated at Dasarahalli village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), standing in the name of Mr. Kunduru Ramana Reddy, vide Sale Deed dated 24.03.2015 and Registered as Document No.BNS-1-21559/2014-15 stored in CD No.BNSD362 dated 24.03.2015 at SRO, Shivajinagar(Banaswadi), Bengaluru and Rectification Deed dated 25.03.2015 and Registered as Document No.BNS-1-21756/2014-15 and stored in CD No.BNSD363 dated 26.03.2015 at SRO, Shivajinagar(Banaswadi), Bengaluru and bounded on : East by :Remaining portion of Sy. No.67/2 & thereafter, Sy.No.65, West by:Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 66, North by:Property bearing Sy. No. 66, South by:Property bearing Sy. No. 68.
4. All that piece and parcel of the immovable property Flat bearing No.CB-04-01, B-Block situated on the 4TH Floor in building known as "KSR CORDELIA" together with 338 Sq. feet of undivided right, title and interest in land and 1048 square feet of super built up area consisting of Two Bedrooms, Kitchen, bathrooms, vitrified flooring and all amenities inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use, with Right to use one covered Car Parking Space/s in the Basement Levels etc., Constructed on the property bearing Sy No.66,67/1,67/2, situated at Dasarahalli village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), standing in the name of Mr. Kunduru Ramana Reddy, vide Sale Deed dated 24.03.2015 and Registered as Document No.BNS-1-21553/2014-15 stored in CD No.BNSD362 dated 24.03.2015 at SRO, Shivajinagar(Banaswadi), Bengaluru and Rectification Deed dated 25.03.2015 and Registered as Document No.BNS-1-21757/2014-15 and stored in CD No.BNSD363 dated 26.03.2015 at SRO, Shivajinagar(Banaswadi), Bengaluru and bounded on :East by:Remaining portion of Sy. No.67/2 & thereafter, Sy.No.65,West by:Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 66,North by:Property bearing Sy. No. 66, South by: Property bearing Sy. No. 68.
5. All that piece and parcel of immovable property Flat bearing No.CB-09-01, B-Block situated on the 9th floor in building known as "KSR CORDELIA" together with 338 Sq. feet of undivided right, title and interest in land and 1048 square feet of super built up area consisting of Two Bedrooms, kitchen, bathrooms, vitrified flooring and all amenities inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift, staircases and other areas of common use, with Reith to use One covered Car Parking Space/s in the Basement levels etc, Constructed on the property bearing Sy. No.66, 67/1, 67/2, situated at Dasarahalli village K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), standing in the name of Mr. Kunduru Ramana Reddy, vide Sale Deed dated 24.03.2015 and Registered as Document No.BNS-1-21564/2014-15 stored in CD No.BNSD362 dated 24.03.2015 at SRO, Shivajinagar (Banaswadi), Bengaluru and bounded on: East by: Remaining portion of Sy. No.67/2 & thereafter, Sy. No.65, West by:Remaining portion of Sy. No.66, North by:Property bearing Sy. No.66,South by:Property bearing Sy. No.68
6. Developer's share (as per registered Joint Development Agreement dated 21.04.2011 & the supplementary JDA dated 03.07.2013) in all that piece and parcel of portion of residentially converted underdeveloped land bearing Sy.No.68/2, situated at Huskur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, converted for residential use vide official Memorandum No.ALN(EVH) SR:18/10-11 dated.28.07.2010, issued by special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District measuring 05 Acres 27 Guntas and bounded by East by : Road and Shri T. Narayanappa's land, West by :Survey No. 70, Bommanahalli Village Boundary and Devadas land, North by: Bendiganahalli Yella (Border), South by: Survey No.67 (Yerrappa's Land).

LIST OF 9 ROW HOUSES AND 229 FLATS OF THE BUILDER'S SHARE

Sl No	Apartment No	Floor	Area (Sq. Ft)	BHK	Facing	Sl No	Apartment No	Floor (Sq. Ft)	Area	BHK	Facing
1	A – 02	GROUND	2180	ROW HOUSE	EAST	120	L109	FIRST	808	1BHK	EAST
2	A – 03	GROUND	2216	ROW HOUSE	EAST	121	L110	FIRST	760	1BHK	EAST
3	A – 05	GROUND	2171	ROW HOUSE	EAST	122	L112	FIRST	688	1BHK	EAST
4	A – 07	GROUND	2296	ROW HOUSE	EAST	123	L113	FIRST	689	1BHK	WEST
5	A – 08	GROUND	2281	ROW HOUSE	WEST	124	B201	SECOND	895	2BHK	EAST
6	A – 09	GROUND	2242	ROW HOUSE	WEST	125	B203	SECOND	980	2BHK	WEST
7	A – 10	GROUND	2216	ROW HOUSE	WEST	126	B204	SECOND	1274	3BHK	NORTH
8	A – 12	GROUND	2260	ROW HOUSE	WEST	127	C201	SECOND	907	2BHK	EAST
9	A – 13	GROUND	2224	ROW HOUSE	WEST	128	C202	SECOND	907	2BHK	WEST
10	B002	GROUND	855	2BHK	WEST	129	C203	SECOND	947	2BHK	WEST
11	B003	GROUND	968	2BHK	WEST	130	C205	SECOND	918	2BHK	EAST
12	B005	GROUND	818	2BHK	WEST	131	D202	SECOND	886	2BHK	WEST
13	C002	GROUND	838	2BHK	WEST	132	D203	SECOND	908	2BHK	WEST
14	C003	GROUND	941	2BHK	WEST	133	D204	SECOND	1273	3BHK	NORTH
15	C006	GROUND	830	2BHK	EAST	134	D206	SECOND	1313	3BHK	EAST
16	C007	GROUND	830	2BHK	WEST	135	E201	SECOND	914	2BHK	EAST
17	D001	GROUND	830	2BHK	EAST	136	E202	SECOND	905	2BHK	WEST
18	D002	GROUND	818	2BHK	WEST	137	E204	SECOND	1238	3BHK	NORTH
19	D004	GROUND	1260	3BHK	NORTH	138	E206	SECOND	924	2BHK	EAST
20	D007	GROUND	818	2BHK	WEST	139	E207	SECOND	905	2BHK	WEST
21	E002	GROUND	898	2BHK	WEST	140	F202	SECOND	942	2BHK	WEST
22	E003	GROUND	818	2BHK	WEST	141	F203	SECOND	924	2BHK	WEST
23	E005	GROUND	1255	3BHK	EAST	142	F204	SECOND	1231	3BHK	NORTH
24	E006	GROUND	864	2BHK	EAST	143	F206	SECOND	911	2BHK	EAST
25	E007	GROUND	898	2BHK	WEST	144	G201	SECOND	914	2BHK	EAST
26	F002	GROUND	917	2BHK	WEST	145	G202	SECOND	914	2BHK	WEST
27	F003	GROUND	855	2BHK	WEST	146	G203	SECOND	980	2BHK	WEST
28	F005	GROUND	829	2BHK	EAST	147	G204	SECOND	955	3BHK	NORTH
29	F006	GROUND	907	2BHK	EAST	148	H201	SECOND	1238	3BHK	EAST
30	F007	GROUND	911	2BHK	WEST	149	H202	SECOND	1341	3BHK	WEST
31	G001	GROUND	907	2BHK	EAST	150	H203	SECOND	1667	3BHK	WEST
32	G002	GROUND	968	2BHK	WEST	151	H204	SECOND	1659	2BHK	EAST
33	G003	GROUND	855	2BHK	WEST	152	H206	SECOND	1215	2BHK	EAST
34	G005	GROUND	898	2BHK	WEST	153	H207	SECOND	1214	2BHK	EAST
35	H001	GROUND	1230	3BHK	EAST	154	H208	SECOND	1341	2BHK	WEST
36	H002	GROUND	1481	3BHK	WEST	155	I201	SECOND	1109	2BHK	EAST
37	H003	GROUND	1601	3BHK	WEST	156	I202	SECOND	1341	3BHK	WEST
38	H004	GROUND	1148	2BHK	EAST	157	I204	SECOND	1109	2BHK	EAST
39	H005	GROUND	1162	2BHK	WEST	158	J201	SECOND	1341	3BHK	EAST
40	H006	GROUND	1148	2BHK	EAST	159	J204	SECOND	1109	2BHK	WEST
41	H008	GROUND	1229	3BHK	WEST	160	J205	SECOND	1214	2BHK	EAST
42	I001	GROUND	993	2BHK	EAST	161	J206	SECOND	1211	2BHK	WEST
43	I002	GROUND	1230	3BHK	WEST	162	J207	SECOND	1109	2BHK	EAST
44	I004	GROUND	993	2BHK	EAST	163	J209	SECOND	1051	2BHK	EAST
45	I005	GROUND	927	2BHK	EAST	164	J210	SECOND	1341	3BHK	WEST
46	J002	GROUND	993	2BHK	WEST	165	K201	SECOND	1174	2BHK	EAST
47	J003	GROUND	918	2BHK	WEST	166	K202	SECOND	930	2BHK	WEST
48	J004	GROUND	993	2BHK	WEST	167	K203	SECOND	918	2BHK	WEST
49	J005	GROUND	1148	2BHK	EAST	168	K204	SECOND	1109	2BHK	WEST
50	J007	GROUND	993	2BHK	EAST	169	K206	SECOND	1128	2BHK	WEST
51	J009	GROUND	960	2BHK	EAST	170	K207	SECOND	1430	3BHK	EAST
52	J010	GROUND	1230	3BHK	WEST	171	K209	SECOND	1063	2BHK	WEST
53	K001	GROUND	1063	2BHK	EAST	172	L203	SECOND	698	1BHK	WEST
54	K002	GROUND	814	2BHK	WEST	173	L204	SECOND	694	1BHK	WEST
55	K004	GROUND	993	2BHK	WEST	174	L205	SECOND	685	1BHK	NORTH
56	K006	GROUND	1070	2BHK	WEST	175	L206	SECOND	688	1BHK	NORTH
57	K008	GROUND	1049	3BHK	EAST	176	L207	SECOND	686	1BHK	NORTH
58	K009	GROUND	965	2BHK	WEST	177	L208	SECOND	688	1BHK	NORTH
59	L001	GROUND	689	1BHK	EAST	178	L209	SECOND	808	1BHK	EAST
60	L003	GROUND	698	1BHK	WEST	179	L210	SECOND	760	1BHK	EAST
61	L004	GROUND	641	1BHK	WEST	180	L212	SECOND	688	1BHK	EAST
62	L005	GROUND	627	1BHK	NORTH	181	L213	SECOND	689	1BHK	WEST
63	L006	GROUND	636	1BHK	NORTH	182	B301	THIRD	895	2BHK	EAST
64	L007	GROUND	627	1BHK	NORTH	183	B303	THIRD	980	2BHK	WEST
65	L009	GROUND	750	1BHK	EAST	184	B304	THIRD	1274	3BHK	NORTH
66	L012	GROUND	685	1BHK	EAST	185	C301	THIRD	907	2BHK	EAST
67	B101	FIRST	695	2BHK	EAST	186	C302	THIRD	907	2BHK	WEST
68	B103	FIRST	980	2BHK	WEST	187	C303	THIRD	947	2BHK	WEST
69	B104	FIRST	1274	3BHK	NORTH	188	C305	THIRD	918	2BHK	EAST
70	C101	FIRST	907	2BHK	EAST	189	C307	THIRD	898	2BHK	WEST
71	C102	FIRST	907	2BHK	WEST	190	D302	THIRD	886	2BHK	WEST
72	C103	FIRST	947	2BHK	WEST	191	D303	THIRD	908	2BHK	WEST
73	C105	FIRST	918	2BHK	EAST	192	D304	THIRD	1273	3BHK	NORTH
74	D102	FIRST	886	2BHK	WEST	193	D306	THIRD	1313	3BHK	EAST
75	D103	FIRST	908	2BHK	WEST	194	E301	THIRD	914	2BHK	EAST
76	D104	FIRST	1273	3BHK	NORTH	195	E302	THIRD	905	2BHK	WEST
77	D106	FIRST	1313	3BHK	EAST	196	E304	THIRD	1238	3BHK	NORTH
78	E101	FIRST	914	2BHK	EAST	197	E306	THIRD	924	2BHK	EAST
79	E102	FIRST	905	2BHK	WEST	198	F302	THIRD	942	2BHK	WEST
80	E104	FIRST	1238	3BHK	NORTH	199	F303	THIRD	924	2BHK	WEST
81	E106	FIRST	924	2BHK	EAST	200	F304	THIRD	1239	3BHK	NORTH
82	E107	FIRST	905	2BHK	WEST	201	F306	THIRD	914	2BHK	EAST
83	F102	FIRST	942	2BHK	WEST	202	G301	THIRD	914	2BHK	EAST
84	F103	FIRST	922	2BHK	WEST	203	G302	THIRD	980	2BHK	WEST
85	F104	FIRST	924	3BHK	NORTH	204	G303	THIRD	955	2BHK	WEST
86	F106	FIRST	1239	2BHK	EAST	205	G304	THIRD	1238	3BHK	NORTH
87	G101	FIRST	914	2BHK	EAST	206	H301	THIRD	1341	3BHK	EAST
88	G102	FIRST	914	2BHK	WEST	207	H302	THIRD	1667	3BHK	WEST
89	G103	FIRST	980	2BHK	WEST	208	H303	THIRD	1659	3BHK	WEST
90	G104	FIRST	955	3BHK	NORTH	209	H304	THIRD	1215	2BHK	EAST
91	H101	FIRST	1238	3BHK	EAST	210	H306	THIRD	1214	2BHK	EAST
92	H102	FIRST	1341	3BHK	WEST	211	H307	THIRD	1341	2BHK	EAST
93	H103	FIRST	1667	3BHK	WEST	212	H308	THIRD	1341	2BHK	WEST
94	H104	FIRST	1659	2BHK	EAST	213	I301	THIRD	1109	2BHK	EAST
95	H106	FIRST	1214	2BHK	EAST	214	I302	THIRD	1341	3BHK	WEST
96	H107	FIRST	1341	2BHK	EAST	215	I304	THIRD	1109	2BHK	EAST
97	H108	FIRST	1341	2BHK	WEST	216	J301	THIRD	1341	3BHK	EAST
98	I101	FIRST	1109	2BHK	EAST	217	J304	THIRD	1109	2BHK	WEST
99	I102	FIRST	1341	3BHK	WEST	218	J305	THIRD	1214	2BHK	EAST
100	I104	FIRST	1109	2BHK	EAST	219	J306	THIRD	1211	2BHK	WEST
101	J101	FIRST	1341	3BHK	EAST	220	J307	THIRD	1109	2BHK	EAST
102	J104	FIRST	1109	2BHK	WEST	221	J309	THIRD	1051	2BHK	EAST
103	J105	FIRST	1214	2BHK	EAST	222	K301	THIRD	1174	2BHK	EAST
104	J106	FIRST	1211	2BHK	WEST	223	K302	THIRD	930	2BHK	WEST
105	J107	FIRST	1109	2BHK	EAST	224	K303	THIRD	918	2BHK	WEST
106	J109	FIRST	1051	2BHK	EAST	225	K304	THIRD	1109	2BHK	WEST
107	J110	FIRST	1341	3BHK	WEST	226	K306	THIRD	1128	2BHK	WEST
108	K101	FIRST	1174	2BHK	EAST	227	K307	THIRD	1430	3BHK	EAST
109	K102	FIRST	930	2BHK	WEST	228	K309	THIRD	1063	2BHK	WEST
110	K103	FIRST	918	2BHK	WEST	229	L303	THIRD	698	1BHK	WEST
111	K104	FIRST	1109	2BHK	WEST	230	L304	THIRD	694	1BHK	WEST
112	K106	FIRST	1128	2BHK	WEST	231	L305	THIRD	685	1BHK	NORTH
113	K107	FIRST	1430	3BHK	EAST	232	L306	THIRD	688	1BHK	NORTH
114	K109	FIRST	1063	2BHK	WEST	233	L307	THIRD	686	1BHK	NORTH
115	L103	FIRST	698	1BHK	WEST	234	L308	THIRD	688	1BHK	NORTH
116	L104	FIRST	694	1BHK	WEST	235	L309	THIRD	808	1BHK	EAST
117	L105	FIRST	685	1BHK	NORTH	236	L310	THIRD	760	1BHK	EAST
118	L106	FIRST	688	1BHK	NORTH	237	L312	THIRD	688	1BHK	EAST
119	L107	FIRST	686	1BHK	NORTH	238	L313	THIRD	689	1BHK	WEST

Note: - All the above properties are mortgaged in favour of the Bank vide Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds Registered as Document No.BNS-1-04784/2018-19 stored in CD No. BNSD656 on 29.06.2018 at SRO, Shivajinagar (Banaswadi), Bengaluru.

Sd/-
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 03.10.2022

Authorised Officer and Asst. General Manager (CLO-I)
State Bank of India, SAM Branch, Bengaluru.

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD

Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl. No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	TOTAL
1.	CE/Ch/South	E.839	1

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening ,viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit website www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app.

DIPR/4411/Tender/2022 'சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்'

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VIDYUTH SOUDHA, VIJAYAWADA

NIT No.610001085/APGENCO/2022

APGENCO invites open tenders for "Design, Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Energy Chain (E-Chain) System for 4 Nos. paddle feeders of existing BOBR system for 6A & 6B Conveyors of CHP, Dr. NTTPS" through APGENCO e-procurement platform. Estimated value of Contract: **Rs.3,25,88,444/-.** Bid schedule available Date & Time : From 18.00 Hrs on 23.09.2022 onwards, Bid Submission Closing Date & Time : upto 13.00 Hrs on 17.10.2022. For further details visit website : www.apgenco.gov.in or https://tender.apgenco.gov.in/irj/portal

DIPR No.1290PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 04/10/2022

Petronet LNG Limited

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

FOR SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR PROVIDING PLANT PAINTING FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AT PETRONET LNG LTD, KOCHI

Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) invites bids from experienced and financially sound contractors for Providing Plant Painting Services for a Period Of One Year at PETRONET LNG LTD, KOCHI (Kerala).

Interested parties are requested to visit our website **www.petronetlng.in** for detailed eligibility criteria along with other necessary details for issuance of tender document.

Note: PLL reserves the right not to issue the tender document and/or accept or reject any or all the bids at any stage of the process and/or modify the process without assigning any reasons on its sole discretion.

No separate notification w.r.t. this tender shall be issued in press. Interested parties to regularly visit aforesaid PLL website for any updates.

General Manager (C&P)
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(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)

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Office Tel. No. 08333-263242/ ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಘಟಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 2, ಹಿಡಕಲ್ ಡ್ಯಾಂ
Fax No. 08333-263405/e-mail: eegrbc2@gmail/eegrbc2@yahoo.com

No.: KNNL/GRBCC-2/DB/TND/2022-23/1704 **Dated: 01/10/2022**

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement system only)

Pre-qualification cum Short Term tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from eligible bidders /contractors, for the works detailed below (as per KTPP Act 2000), on The intending bidders can submit tenders / bids as an individual / Tie up, to be formed prior to the bidding only through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka website, **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under **Two Covers.** The **Two Cover System** consists of two sections, the first section is Technical Bid and the second section is **Financial Bid.** The detailed/blank tender document can be viewed / downloaded from the date & time of publication of tender in e-procurement portal. Stipulated time for submission of tenders/bids, for the works noted herein under, is as per KTPP Rules, Chapter-V, Rule-17, sub rule (2).

1) Indent No. - 33402 Call-2
2) Estimated Amount Put to Tender - Rs. 145.75 Lakhs
3) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) - 1.45 Lakhs

The calendar of events will be as per the schedule in the e-procurement portal.
This Tender Bid Viewed / Downloaded : 04-10-2022 to 14-10-2022
a) Last Date & Time for tender queries /Clarifications : 07-10-2022 up to 17:00 Hrs
b) Pre-bid meeting at O/o. Executive Engineer, KNNL GRBCC div No.2 Hidkal Dam Tal: Hukkeri District Belagavi 591107 : 10-10-2022 up to 11.30 Hrs
c) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : 14-10-2022 up to 17.30 Hrs
d) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid/tender : 17-10-2022 17.30 Hrs onwards
e) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid/tender : Will be intimated separately to the Technically qualified bidders

Corrigendum, addendum, etc to the tendered work and any change in, Amount Put to Tender (APT), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and conditions, etc for the above works, will be notified in e-procurement platform and the details of the same can be had from this office.
Further any information / queries / clarifications can be had from the under signed through phone No. 08333-263242, fax No. 08333263405, email: eegrbc2@yahoo/gmail.com & from helpline Nos of e-portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in during office hours, before date & time allowed / notified.
Note: Any change / extensions etc., in the tender schedule (calendar of events) will not be published / advertised through news papers, changes will be updated on/in e-procurement portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, GRBCC Div No. 2,
Hidkal Dam

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23
remaining hostages from northwest Nigeria train attack freed

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	18	4	TDS	Los Angeles	27	17	LC
Colombo	29	26	LC	Melbourne	20	12	HR
Dhaka	32	26	TDS	Moscow	12	9	HR
Dubai	36	28	SNY	New York	23	13	LC
Houston	32	21	SNY	Singapore	31	26	TDS
Istanbul	21	18	LC	Toronto	19	8	LC
London	19	13	LC	Washington	25	12	LC

Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks during a meeting with the winners and finalists of the School Teacher of the Year national contest on Wednesday | AP

Kremlin signs annexation of Ukrainian areas

Kyiv says national flag raised above Kherson villages previously occupied by Moscow

KYIV

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin signed the final papers on Wednesday to annex four regions of Ukraine while his military struggled to control the new territory that was added in violation of international laws.

He said that he expected the situation to 'stabilise' in Ukrainian regions annexed by the Kremlin after Moscow suffered military setbacks and lost several key towns to Kyiv.

He also ordered his government to take over operations at Europe's largest nuclear power station in the Russia-annexed region of Zaporizhzhia with IAEA head Rafael Grossi en route to Kyiv for consultations on the facility.

The documents finalising the annexation were published on a Russian government website.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that "certain territories will be reclaimed, and we will keep consulting residents who would be eager to embrace Russia."

Peskov did not specify which additional Ukrainian territories Moscow is eyeing, and he wouldn't say if the Kremlin planned to organise more such 'referendums.'

Meanwhile, Putin defended the validity of the vote, saying it's "more than convincing".

"This is objective data on people's mood," Putin said on Wednesday, adding that he was pleasantly 'surprised' by the results.

On the ground, Russia faced mounting setbacks, with Ukrainian forces retaking more and more land in the eastern and southern regions that Moscow now insists are its own.

On the battlefield, Russia and Ukraine gave conflicting assessments of a Ukrainian counter-offensive in the Russian-occupied Kherson region. A Moscow-installed regional official insisted that Ukrainian advances had been halted. "As of this morning ... there are no movements" by Kyiv's forces, Kirill Stremousov said to *RIA Novosti*.

However, the Ukrainian military said Ukrainian flag had been raised above seven Kherson region villages previously occupied by the Russians. The closest of the liberated villages to the city of Kherson is Davydiv Brid, 100 km away. *AP*

Blast at mosque of Afghanistan interior ministry kills four people

KABUL

A bombing in a mosque on the grounds of Afghanistan's interior ministry in Kabul killed four people and wounded 25 others on Wednesday, an official said, with injured patients claiming it was a suicide attack.

Interior ministry spokesman Abdul Nafy Takor said an explosion occurred at a mosque of the ministry when worshippers were offering mid-day prayers. "Four worshippers were martyred and 25 others were injured," he said in a statement to reporters, adding that an investigation was being conducted.

Takor had earlier said the explosion had occurred at a mosque located "at a distance from the interior ministry".

Italian non-governmental organisation Emergency, which operates a hospital in Kabul, said it had received 20 male patients, two "dead on arrival", following "a bomb attack in a mosque at the interior ministry".

"The number of injured people arriving increased and they reported seeing a man detonate a device," said Emergency country director Dejan Panic. "It was a suicide attack," he added in a statement, quoting patients.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Emergency hospital was closely guarded by Taliban forces, who were also heavily deployed around the scene of the attack.

The latest blast comes after a suicide bombing on Friday killed 53 people in a Kabul classroom, including 46 girls and women, as per a UN toll.

Witnesses said the attacker blew himself up in the women's section of a gender-segregated classroom at a study hall in the Dasht-e-Barchi neighbourhood—an enclave of Shiite Hazara community.

No group has so far claimed responsibility for that attack, which Taliban authorities said claimed 25 lives. *AFP*

NOBEL PRIZE FOR 3 CHEMISTS WHO MADE MOLECULES 'CLICK'

STOCKHOLM

THREE scientists were jointly awarded this year's Nobel Prize in chemistry on Wednesday for developing a way of 'snapping molecules together' that can be used to design better medicines, including ones that target diseases such as cancer more precisely.

Americans Carolyn R. Bertozzi and K. Barry Sharpless, and Danish scientist Morten Meldal were cited for their work on click chemistry and bioorthogonal reactions, which are used to make cancer drugs, map DNA and create materials that are tailored to a specific purpose.

"It's all about snapping molecules together," said Johan Aqvist, a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences that announced the winners at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.

Members of Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences during a press conference | AP

Sharpless, 81, who previously won a Nobel Prize in 2001 and is now the fifth person to receive the award twice, first proposed the idea of connecting molecules using chemical 'buckles' around the turn of the millennium, Aqvist said.

"The problem was to find good chemical buckles," he said. "They have to react with each other easily and specifically."

Meldal, 68, based at the University of Copenhagen and Sharpless, who is affiliated with Scripps Research in California, independently found the first such candidates that would easily snap together with each other but not with other molecules, leading to applications in the manufacture of medicines and polymers.

Bertozzi, 55, who is based at Stanford University "took click chemistry to a new level," the Nobel panel said. Bertozzi is the only woman among the seven Nobel laureates honoured so far this year, with women vastly under-represented in the history of the prizes, especially in the science disciplines. She found a way to make the process work inside living organisms without disrupting them, establishing a new method known as bioorthogonal reactions.

Such reactions are now used to explore cells, track biological processes and design drugs that can target diseases such as cancer more precisely. *AP*

Truss stands by disruption agenda, faces backlash from Greenpeace UK

BIRMINGHAM

UK Prime Minister Liz Truss pledged on Wednesday to ride out the turmoil unleashed by her tax-cutting economic agenda, saying the 'disruption' will pay off in a wealthier, more efficient Britain.

Truss closed a tumultuous Conservative conference in the central English city of Birmingham with a speech intended to revive the spirits of delegates. She told them: "I am ready to make the hard choices" and branded her many critics including opposition parties, environmental protesters and parts of the media—an "anti-growth coalition."

Truss vowed to stick with her plan to reshape Britain's economy through tax cuts and deregulation in a bid to end years of sluggish growth. She said cutting taxes was "the right thing to do, morally and economically."

UK PM Liz Truss delivers speech | AFP

"In these tough times, we need to step up. I am determined to get Britain moving, to get us through the tempest and put us on a stronger footing as a nation," she said, as she vowed to "stand by our Ukrainian friends, however long it takes."

Meanwhile, Greenpeace UK protesters on Wednesday disrupted Truss's set-piece speech to the Conservative party conference, accusing her of backtracking on election promises.

The environmental campaigners said their head of public affairs and policy officer were responsible for holding up a banner during the address, asking "Who voted for this?"

The pair—Rebecca Newsom and Ami McCarthy were ejected from the venue in Birmingham. *Agencies*

Denmark's PM Mette Frederiksen | AP

As support sags, Danish leader calls for Nov 1 election

COPENHAGEN

DANISH Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen called a general election for November 1, seven months ahead of the end of her term in office.

Frederiksen has seen her popularity dwindle due to her role in a pandemic-related decision to wipe out Denmark's captive mink population.

The early parliamentary election will select members of the 179-seat Folketing. Polls show the center-left bloc led by her Social Democratic Party is neck-and-neck with the center-right opposition.

"We want a broad government with parties on both sides of the political middle," Frederiksen said. She admitted that "it is, of course, peculiar to have a general election in the middle of an international crisis."

In June, a Danish Parliament-appointed commission criticised Frederiksen's government for its decision to cull millions of healthy mink at the height of pandemic to protect humans from a mutation of the virus. Frederiksen has insisted that she didn't know the mink culling decision was unlawful. A law was passed shortly after to make it legal.

After the report on the mink culling was published, the Social Liberal Party criticised her handling of the issue. That party had threatened to seek a confidence vote unless Frederiksen called early elections before parliament reopens after summer recess on October 6. *AP*

WESTERN RAILWAY

VARIOUS MAINTENANCE WORK

Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction)III, Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-390 004, invites **e-tender** as per the details given below : **E-Tender No.: Dy.CE-C-3-BRC/MYG DB-SMLA/28, Name of the work: Maintenance and special attention to the newly laid broad gauge line including points and crossings and loop lines in yard between Miyagam (including) and Dabhoi (including) i.e (Length:32 Kms) and various incidental works in connection with Miyagam-Dabhoi Gauge Coversion & Extension upto Samlaya with Flyovers & Byepass (96.46), Approximate cost work: Rs. 125.94 lakhs, EMD:Nill, Availability of online Tender for bidding: From 10.10.2022 at 11.00 Hrs To 24.10.2022 up to 15.00 Hrs Date of opening & Time 24.10.2022 at 15.30 hrs.** Regarding detailed notice containing cost of tender document (non refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, Similar Nature of work, detailed tender conditions, please visit **www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers will not be considered.** 0494

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BANGALORE NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT NO.6 VIDE COURT ORDER DATED 19-09-2022 WRIT PETITION NO. 22831 /2021 (GM-POLLUTION)

SRI. SUHAS S KULKARNI, Flat No.D-121, Lifestyle Apartments, JP Nagar, 8th Phase, Bangalore - 560083. .... **Petitioner**

V/S

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, represented by Its Chairman, O/at. Parisara Bhavan, 1st to 5th Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bangalore-560001 & Others. ....**Respondents**

TO : 6. M/S. T R BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS Represented by its Partners.
1) M . Reddappa
2) P.G.Thyagaraj
3) P.A.Vinay, O/at Uttarahalli Main Road, Subramanyapura Post, Uttarahalli, Bangalore - 61. ...**Respondents No.6**

Whereas, The above mentioned Writ Petition filed by the above named Petitioners under Articles 226 of the Constitution Of India, Praying to:-

A. Quashing the Impugned Notices /Order dated 31-01-2020 and 01-03-2021 as Issued by the KSPCB (1st Respondent), Produced as Annexure - B and Annexure-C, Respectively.

B. Issue a declaration to the effect that the Petitioner having vacated the premises of the Project, is not liable to bear the environmental damage as imposed by the 1st Respondent.

C. Issue a direction to the KSPCB (1st Respondent) to identify the persons required to comply and construct the STP and bear the Environmental damages sought to be imposed pursuant to the Orders dated 06-12-2018, 21-10-2019 and 11-12-2019 by the Hon'ble NGT.

D. Issue a direction to KSPCB (1st Respondent) to take appropriate action against the Promoters (6th to 8th Respondent) for causing pollution by not constructing the STP as per the Sanctioned Plan of the BBMP (4th Respondent) dated 24-06-2014 produced as Annexure- A has been registered by this Court.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court either in person or through counsel duly instructed or through someone authorised by law, to act for you in the above Writ Petition on **07-11-2022 at 10.30 A.M.** in case you intend to contest the Writ Petition. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, on this the **19th day of September 2022.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

ASIA MATTERS

Capital on alert for flooding amid heavy rains

Authorities in Thailand warned of possible serious flooding in the capital and other parts of the central region from heavy seasonal rainfall expected through the rest of the week. The situation is being worsened by a large volume of water moving downriver from flooding in northern provinces and from discharges from dams filled to capacity. Bangkok has been seeing flooding since Monday as torrential rain poured, with about 16 cm recorded in one area over 24 hours. However, the flooding had eased in most areas by Wednesday morning. Bangkok Deputy Governor Tawida Kamolvej said if rainfall levels are high in coming days, many areas will be vulnerable because it would take hours to drain water into the already swollen Chao Phraya River that runs through the city.

Seoul's reprisal blows up after N Korean success

SEOUL

A malfunctioning South Korean ballistic missile blew up as it plowed into the ground on Wednesday during a live-fire drill with the United States that was a reprisal for North Korea's successful launch a day earlier of a weapon that flew over Japan and has the range to strike the US territory of Guam.

The explosion and subsequent fire panicked and confused residents of the coastal city of Gangneung, who were already uneasy over the increasingly provocative weapons tests by rival North Korea. Their concern that it could be a North Korean attack only grew as the military and government officials provided no explanation about the explosion for hours.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said no injuries were reported from the explosion, which involved a short-range Hyumoo-2 missile that crashed inside an air force base on the outskirts of the city.

Army Tactical Missile System or ATACMS missile is fired during a joint military drill between US and South Korea in South Korea on Wednesday | AP

Kwon Seong-dong, a governing party lawmaker representing Gangneung, wrote on Facebook that a "weapons system operated by our blood-like taxpayer money ended up threatening our own people" and called for the military to thoroughly investigate the missile failure. He also criticised the military for not issuing a notice about the failure while maintaining a media embargo on the joint drills. "It was an irresponsible response," Kwon wrote. "They don't even have an official press release yet."

South Korea's military acknowledged the malfunction hours after internet users raised alarm about the blast and posted social media videos showing an orange ball of flames emerging from an area they described as near the air force base. It said it was investigating what caused the "abnormal flight" of the missile.

The US and South Korean militaries are conducting the joint exercises to show their ability to deter a North Korean attack on the South. *AP*

Pak Army chief to be chosen next month, says Def Min

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN'S Defence Minister Khawaja Asif on Wednesday said the general elections will be held as per schedule in 2023, while new army chief would be appointed next month in line with the law and the Constitution.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is poised to pick the new army chief ahead of the retirement of the incumbent Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa by the end of November.

Last month, former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan said Gen. Bajwa should be given another extension until the new government is elected, while reiterating calls for early elections.

The appointment of the new army chief would take place in November, according to the law and the Constitution, while the general elections will be conducted on schedule after August 2023, when the current term of the National Assembly was to end, Asif said while addressing a press conference on Wednesday.

"Imran Khan has not been in his right mind and is fearful as November is fast approaching," the minister said.

He further said Bajwa's replacement was not decided, though names of five senior lieutenant generals had come up for consideration. *PTI*

Depositors angry over stuck savings

Lebanon has witnessed a surge in depositors storming banks to forcefully withdraw their locked savings as the country's economy continues to spiral. A lawmaker entered a bank branch near Beirut, demanding some of her trapped savings

Protesters outside the Lebanese Central Bank rallying against Lebanese Central Bank Governor on Wednesday | AP

LIMITED CASH WITHDRAWAL

Lebanon's cash-strapped banks have imposed informal limits on cash withdrawals since late 2019

Since then, three-quarters of the population plunged into poverty and the Lebanese pound lost some 90% of its value against the dollar

EFFORTS TO RECOVER TRAPPED SAVINGS

Beirut legislator Cynthia Zarazir entered a Byblos Bank branch, demanding $8,500 from her savings for a surgery

"I am a Lebanese citizen demanding my rights in light of this exceptional situation," Zarazir said

Her lawyer Fouad Debs, said that she has rejected a proposal to withdraw her savings in Lebanese pounds at a fraction of its dollar value

THE STRUGGLES

The UN and IMF have both criticised Lebanon for its sluggish progress

The country's government and divided parliament have stalled over about a dozen mandatory reforms, including restructuring its banks and implementing formal capital controls

Lebanon for over two years has been struggling to reach an agreement with IMF for a bailout programme

DETERIORATING SITUATION

Dozens of protesters scuffled with riot police near at the Central Bank's headquarters in Beirut

In Byblos, a man fired an assault rifle at the glass facade of a bank branch, after employees did not let him in without an appointment

The general public has commended the bank heists, some even hailing the perpetrators as heroes

The banks meanwhile have condemned the angry depositors' actions and said that the Lebanese government is primarily to blame for the crisis

Last month, the banks closed for a week after at least seven banks were raided, and have since only partially reopened

Govt bond inclusion on global index stalled

Earlier it was expected the inclusion of India bonds in JP Morgan Government Bond Index-EM will happen soon

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE much-anticipated inclusion of government of India bonds on international indices may get further delayed.

JPMorgan Chase & Co. has said it is putting on hold the inclusion of government of India bonds for now on account of a number of issues raised by investors.

The inclusion could be delayed by a year.

According to global wire services, the issues raised by investors include tedious compliance hurdles including a lengthy registration process for investors, settlement and custody of assets, etc.

It was expected that the inclusion of Indian government bonds in JP Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets might happen soon. The inclusion could have triggered $30 billion inflows in 10-year government securities, claimed a few analysts while recommending buy call on 10-year G-secs. This was followed by around $1 billion inflows into the Indian debt market by foreign portfolio investors in August and September. This also helped yields on 10-year G-sec cool down from 7.6% to as low as 7.2%. Currently, 10-year bonds are trading around 7.4%.

Issues raised by investors

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When contacted a finance ministry spokesperson refused to make any comment on the proposed deferral on inclusion of the bonds on JP Morgan's index.

A query sent to JP Morgan Chase & Co. remained unanswered at the time of filing of the report.

Earlier, the government had refused to give any capital gains tax exemptions to investors as a condition for inclusion in the bonds on international exchanges.

A top Finance Ministry official in early September had told TNIE that the government was keen on Indian bonds joining the global indices but it would not make any changes in tax laws to get bonds listed overseas.

The official had clarified that the timing of the listing completely depends upon overseas index operators agreeing to the government's terms and conditions on taxation issues. The official had also said that JP Morgan had not demanded any change in tax requirement, and so it was likely that it would include Indian bonds anytime soon.

A Morgan Stanley report had earlier said that it saw a good chance of JP Morgan announcing the inclusion of G-secs on its global index. It had predicted the inclusion in September itself.

FLIPKART HEALTH+ TO FOCUS ON INNOVATIONS

UMA KANNAN @Bengaluru

FLIPKART'S digital healthcare vertical Flipkart Health+, which recently completed a drone delivery pilot to transport medicines, aims to bring innovative solutions to healthcare.

Speaking to TNIE, Prashant Jhaveri, CEO, Flipkart Health+ said the beyond visual line of sight drone pilot is one such experiment we recently conducted and we may have set a world record for the longest flight over 100 km.

"What is key is to convert some of these experiments and pilots and take them into production and demonstrate success at scale," he said.

Walmart-backed ecommerce major Flipkart acquired a majority stake in SastaSundar.com marketplace platform last year and forayed into the healthcare sector with Flipkart Health+.

Flipkart's The Big Billion Days (TBBD) concluded recently, and the company said more than 65% of orders for medicines and healthcare products on Flipkart Health+ and medicines on Flipkart were placed from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

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Prashant Jhaveri, CEO, Flipkart Health+

Jhaveri said the availability of medicines on its app has received a tremendous response and positive adoption from customers. "Our customers availed offers from sellers on over 83,000 healthcare products and prescription medicines," he said.

According to a KPMG-FICCI study, the e-pharmacy market was valued at $344.8 million in 2021, growing at 21.28% CAGR during 2021-2027. Also, medicine spending in India is expected to grow between 9-12% over the next five years.

With players such as Tata 1MG and Netmeds, the industry is quite competitive. When asked about it, the CEO said, "While the e-pharmacy industry has been around for close to a decade, its online penetration is still approximately 5%. Ensuring that citizens across Tier 2, Tier 3, and other remote areas benefit from the same accessibility, availability, and affordability of medicines and healthcare products as those in metro and tier-1 cities today do, is still a journey ahead."

He believes that the opportunity lies in making healthcare ubiquitous across India and providing affordable and innovative solutions.

One of the big challenges for this sector is data security. The KPMG study also said that there is a potential risk of data breaches as online platforms depend heavily on valuable insights derived from customer's personal data.

Jhaveri said that they have mandated sellers on the platform to follow stringent processes for quality checks and adhere to safety protocols to ensure only genuine pharmaceutical products reach customers.

CARD ADOPTION

Credit card adoption growing at healthy pace, says report

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Bengaluru

THOUGH UPI remains a dominant payment mode, adoption of credit cards is growing as payments through credit and debit cards accounted for 8% in volume and 14% in value in Q2 2022, said a report.

Adoption of credit cards is growing at a healthy pace as it remains the preferred mode for high ticket size transactions, said 'India Digital Payments Report' released by payment company Worldline India.

In the second quarter of this calendar year, 20.57 billion transactions in volume and ₹36.08 lakh crore in terms of value was processed through debit and credit cards, prepaid payment instruments such as mobile wallets, prepaid cards and UPI that includes P2M (person to merchant) and P2P (person to person) transactions.

Transactions volume and value have seen an increase about 118% and 98%, respectively, in the second quarter compared to the same quarter last year. The report further said UPI P2P accounted for 49% in volume and 67% in value but in terms of merchants transactions, UPI P2M emerged as the preferred payment mode with a market share of 34% in volume and 17% in terms of value.

The Average Ticket Size (ATS) for UPI P2P transactions was ₹2,425 and for UPI P2M, transaction was ₹820 as of June 2022, the report added. Also, as of June 2022, number of UPI QRs stood at 195.17 million, a rise of 92% compared to June 2021. Ramesh Narasimhan, CEO India, Worldline, said, "2022 is another momentous year for the payments space in India. We are successfully sailing through the aftermath of Covid-19, the total cards in circulation has breached the 1 billion mark, UPI is tracking over 6 billion transactions per month, about 53 million FASTags have been issued, and over 20k billers are live on Bharat BillPay ecosystem." In the second quarter, frequently visited physical merchant categories such as grocery stores, restaurants, clothing and apparel, pharmacy and medical, hotels, jewellery retail, specialty retail, household appliances and departmental stores together accounted for over 61% in terms of volume and about 58% in terms value, the digital payments report said.

Restaurants on ONDC to have access to data of customers

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

ONDC allows to place orders in 2 domains

The ONDC, which has gone live in 16 pincodes across Bengaluru under in the beta testing phase, is currently allowing consumers to place their orders in two domains -- groceries and restaurants-through buyers' apps. Data masking is one of the long-held grudges of restaurant owners against food delivery platforms

THE government-backed Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform, which is being beta tested in Bengaluru, would address the issue of data masking by food delivery portals like Zomato and Swiggy, sources in the ministry of corporate affairs told TNIE.

"The restaurants, which get food delivery orders through ONDC, could access the data of end consumers, unlike Zomato and Swiggy, who mask the data from restaurants," told an official from the ministry.

He added that ONDC could pose a challenge to the food delivery portals like Zomato and Swiggy in the long-run.

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Data masking is one of the long-held grudges of restaurant owners against food delivery platforms. An association of restaurants has also moved the Competition Commission of India (CCI) against what they call anit-competitive conduct of the food delivery platforms.

The National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI), which has moved the CCI against Zomato and Swiggy, has among other things alleged that the food delivery platforms engage in the practice of data masking, where the restaurants receive no data or information about the end consumers to whom the food is delivered. It has also alleged that payments are being deducted for poor customer satisfaction without the restaurant even knowing the reasons for the same.

The restaurant body has also said that the commissions charged by Zomato and Swiggy from restaurants to the tune of 20% to 30%, which are extremely exorbitant and unviable. An official from the commerce ministry said that commissions paid on the ONDC platform would be 8-10% only.

The CCI in April this year ordered an investigation into these allegations.

'Absence of Chinese players unlikely to impact 5G roll-out'

RAKESH KUMAR

As India geared up for the launch of 5G services, telecom equipment manufacturers are bullish on their prospects in India. *The New Indian Express* caught up with **Vinish Bawa**, head, emerging business and enterprise, Nokia India, to discuss more on 5G deployment in India

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As India is on the verge of rolling out 5G services, how is Nokia geared up to contribute to India's 5G deployment?

Nokia is one of the market leaders in the 4G and 5G space. We provide a complete solution from wireless to transporting network. For 5G, we are working with both the service provider -- to get their telecom network up and running on 5G—as well as with industries and enterprise. 5G is not only about consumers, it's also about enterprises. So, we are working with various enterprises across all sectors – power, manufacturing, mining, ports, etc.

Who are the telecom operators Nokia is working with right now in India?

In India, we are working with all the three telecom operators -- Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea. However, Vodafone Idea has not finalized its vendors for 5G yet, but we are a big partner for them for their 4G network.

Which are the major enterprises Nokia is providing its services?

We are working with various enterprises at different verticals. For transportation verticals, we are working with Indian railways, and we provide GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications) infrastructure for India Railway. In the power sector, we work with the power grids in India. We are also working with the Indian government for the broadband projects.

Given the restrictions on Chinese vendors, do you think it will impact the speed of 5G rollout in the country?

No. While we have some issues in terms of the supply chain, there is not much of a problem now. We have a factory in India, where we manufacture 5G equipment. We are also moving more manufacturing to India. So, we are fully geared up to supply and deploy all the telecom technology to the Indian companies.

Is there extra pressure on telecom equipment manufacturers as Chinese players are not in the race?

Nokia has been a market leader in this space. And we are all competing with them earlier too. So, there is no extra pressure, I would say, we are serving the needs of the telecom companies and we like to do that because that is our business.

Telecom operators are claiming to roll out 5G services in the entire country by next year. Being an equipment manufacturer, how do you see their claim?

There are no issues as such, and we are confident they will be able to roll out the 5G service in the entire country by next year. We are working on the project planning and making sure that the deployment needs are taken care of. As per needs, we will try to do whatever best we can.

EXPRESS READ

HCLTech to scale up operations in Brazil

BENGALURU: HCLTech, which recently launched its new brand identity and logo, plans to hire 1,000 people in Brazil in next two years. The firm will also open a new technology centre in Campinas. The IT services major is scaling up as it is growing local and global client base across industries. The company will hire local IT talent to develop and deliver technology solutions. ENS

FinMin modifies ECLGS; raises loan limit

NEW DELHI: Finance ministry has modified the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by raising loan limit under the scheme to ₹1,500 crore from ₹400 crore to help the COVID-hit industry tide over liquidity stress. The Department of Financial Services (DFS) has modified the ECLGS to enhance the maximum loan amount eligibility for airlines, an official statement said. *PTI*

Sarbananda Sonowal reviews half-yearly progress in 'Chintan Baithak'

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal chaired the 'Chintan Baithak' of the Ministry in Delhi, today. The baithak was attended by all the senior officials of the Ministry along with Chairpersons of all Major Ports and top officials of the other organization under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW). officials of the other organization under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW). The agenda of this meeting was to know the status of various initiatives and programs of the Government of India like Asset Monetization; National Infrastructure Pipeline; implementation of the innovative projects identified by each port during the previous Chintan Baithaks; automation of all weighbridges in ports and to know the status of capital expenditure during this fiscal.

Business & Beyond

WR's Inhouse Magazine "Rail Darpan" Wins Prestigious Aashirwad Award

Western Railway's inhouse popular magazine "Rail Darpan" won the best inhouse magazine award for its creative excellence. Country's premier literary, cultural and social organisation 'Aashirwad' held its 30th Annual Rajbhasha Awards on 20thSeptember, 2022, at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. The awards were presented by Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari.

Canara Bank – Talk of the Heart

Canara Bank organized the event – Talk of the Heart on the occasion of World Heart Day on 29.09.2022.Talk of the Heart was organized to inform the people around the globe that CVD(Cardio Vascular Disease), including heart disease and stroke, is the world's leading cause of death. This day marks and highlights the action that individuals can take to prevent and control the CVD along with control of the habits like stress, no regular exercise, not having a healthy diet which are very evident in today's work force.

GRSE conferred with prestigious Dun & Bradstreet India's Top PSU Award 22

Kolkata: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd., (GRSE), one of the leading Public Sector Undertaking and Mini-ratna Category 1 Shipyard has been conferred with the prestigious Dun & Bradstreet India's Top PSU Award 22 in the category of Digital Transformation. The award was received by CMD GRSE Commodore PR Hari IN (Retd.) on 29 Sep 22at the PSU and Government Summit held in New Delhi.

Sunil S Bagi takes over as Director (Finance), Goa Shipyard

Mr Sunil S Bagi has taken over as Director (Finance), Goa Shipyard Limited w.e.f. 28.09.2022. A career Finance professional, Mr Bagi carries with him more than 30 years of diverse experience at different levels. He is a Postgraduate in Commerce and a qualified Cost Accountant & Company Secretary. Having joined GSL in 1992 as Accounts Officers, Mr Sunil Bagi has reached to this coveted post with his dedication and hard work.

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RAJASTHAN FEELING PROUD IN FELICITATING RENOWNED GANDHIAN THINKERS WITH GANDHI SADBHAWNA AWARD

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, 5 Gandhian thinkers - dignitaries who have done commendable services to the society following Mahatma Gandhi's ideologies were honoured.

1929 - 2021

Late Dr. S. N. Subba Rao

Dr. S. N. Subba Rao was born on February 7, 1929 in Bengaluru. Dr. Subba Rao contributed immensely to India's independence movement through Gandhian ways. Dr. Subba Rao established Mahatma Gandhi Seva Ashram. He started the Sadbhawna Rail Yatra from 1993 to 1995 and travelled to 21 states and propagated the message of national unity and communal harmony.

1928-2010

Late Shri Nemichandra Jain 'Bhavuk'

Eminent Gandhian Shri Nemichandra Jain 'Bhavuk' was born on July 25, 1928 in Jodhpur. Late Jain was a member of the Vanar Sena of the freedom struggle and played an important part in the Bhoodan movement. He established Gandhi Study Center in 1956 and organized Sarvodaya Vichar examinations. Till the last moment, he was busy in carrying the principles of Bapu to the people.

Shri Amarnath Bhai

Born on July 1, 1933, the famous Gandhian thinker Shri Amarnath Bhai in his student life was influenced by Vinoba's Bhoodan, Gramdan, Gram Swaraj and Sarvodaya movement and left his graduation in the middle and joined the movement. He played an important role in establishing peace and harmony during the communal riots in the country. He is introducing various sections of the society with the principles of Gandhiji through Gandhi Darshan training camps.

Shri Kumar Prashant

Shri Kumar Prashant, born on April 28, 1951 is the President of Gandhi Peace Foundation, who played an important role in setting up Gandhian organization such as National Youth Organisation. This organization is playing an important role in establishing communal harmony. Shri Kumar Prashant has been the editor of reputed journals like Dharmayug and Navneet and is a well-known poet and writer. He is spreading the ideas of Gandhiji through Gandhi Marg Patrika and Gandhi Darshan camps.

Dr. D. R. Mehta

Born on June 25, 1937 in Jodhpur, Dr. D.R. Mehta, former Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is an eminent social worker. Shri Mehta has been honoured with many national and international awards including Padma Bhushan and Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhawana Award for his unparalleled contribution in the field of social service.

RAJASTHAN IS FIRST STATE IN THE COUNTRY TO CONSTITUTE DEPARTMENT OF PEACE & NON-VIOLENCE

Honoured with citation, memento and award on the occasion Gandhi Jayanti

Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot honouring Rajni Ji, representative of Late Dr. S.N. Subba Rao

Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot honouring Shri Sharad Jain, representative of Late Shri Nemichandra Jain 'Bhavuk'

Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot felicitating Shri Amarnath Bhai

Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot felicitating Shri Manish Sharma, representative of Shri Kumar Prashant

Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot felicitating Dr. D.R.Mehta

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Rajasthan Samwad

JOB OFFER FOR RACE WALKER RAM

Less than a day after this daily highlighted the plight of race-walker Ram Baboo, he was offered a couple jobs including one by a central public sector undertaking. Ram also confirmed that the Sobhadra district (Uttar Pradesh) collector spoke to him and asked him to meet him. Ram had won the men's 35km race walk in the ongoing National Games.

Sangli to Thalassery, Radhika's long journey

The 29-year-old fencer, who shifted to Kerala for her passion at 14, bagged foil gold in the individual event and silver in the team event

FIROZ MIRZA @Gandhinagar

RADHIKA Awati was only 14 when she moved from Sangli, Maharashtra to Kerala's Thalassery to pursue fencing. Given her age and a completely unknown place she was about to move, Radhika's relatives were apprehensive but she convinced her parents to let her go.

As she shifted her base in 2007, the first six months turned out to be a torture to Radhika. With everything from food, language and weather completely different, she grew homesick and used to cry because of loneliness. But as the time passed, she adapted to the new place with fencing her sole goal. All the sacrifices she made at such a tender age started paying off as she went on to win a bagful of medals at national level along with noticeable international achievements.

The 29-year-old fencer, who represents her adopted home Kerala in national meets, added two more medals to her ever burgeoning trophy cabinet when she won foil gold in the individual event and silver in the team event of the 2022 National Games here at the Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar. The gold is her first at the event.

"I am thankful to my parents — Prakash and Rekha — that they accepted my request and allowed me to shift to Kerala," an elated Radhika told this daily after winning medals.

It all began when she watched a fencing demonstration in her school in Sangli. But to her dismay, Maharashtra didn't have a good fencing training centre then.

"After I saw that demonstration, fencing became my passion. Coincidentally, my school teacher moved to Thalassery next year and informed me about the centre there," she added.

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> Radhika Awati, Fencer

A couple of years after making the move, she made her international debut by competing in the U-17 Asian Championship in Singapore. She didn't finish on the podium then but bettered her show next year by winning foil team bronze at the event next year.

Since then, she had never returned empty handed from a national meets and also bagged the medals in the international events. She had also bagged a team silver each in 2011 and 2015 National Games but the Gujarat edition saw her clinching the gold for the first time.

Given her long stay in the southern state, Radhika now has a Malayali accent. She can speak Malayalam fluently but still faces difficulty while reading and writing the language.

"Since class 9, I studied there so it's quite natural I got that accent. Most of my friends are from Kerala only, so now it's like my home state." Employed by the Kerala state government, Radhika hardly gets time to visit her home. However, her parents and brother visit her whenever they find time.

She admitted that CA Bhavani Devi's recent success has made people aware of the sport and also made the authorities concerned to support fencing more than ever.

"Bhavani has certainly made the sport popular in our country as I have seen a lot of youngsters taking up fencing nowadays. Even the government has started supporting us a lot more. I hope the trend continues and we produce fencers who can win laurels for the country in reputed international meets," signed off the seasoned fencer.

Double gold winner Swapna not hanging her shoes anytime soon

FIROZ MIRZA @ Gandhinagar

SOON after winning the high jump gold at the 60th National Open Athletics Championships, Warangal in September last year, heptathlete Swapna Barman, decided to call it quits. Nagging back injury was the prime reason for the 2018 Asian Games gold medallist arriving at the decision. She skipped her pet event heptathlon in Warangal and rushed back to her village in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.

For the next couple of months, she didn't meet anyone except her parents and stopped taking any calls. Given her state of mind, Swapna spent most of her time locked in her room.

"Back injury was troubling me a lot. I was depressed and couldn't see any future for me in the sport. I was almost sure that I cannot continue like this and decided to retire," the 25-year-old heptathlete told this daily. "I locked myself in the room. In those two months, I never went out of my home. I hardly attended phone calls. My parents tried to talk to me but they knew I was not in a good frame of mind," said Swapna, who won high jump and heptathlon gold here at the IIT Gandhinagar athletics track during the 2022 Gujarat National Games.

Sensing the situation, her long-time coach Subhas Sarkar stayed in touch with her over telephone and eventually managed to convince the athlete to give up the thought of retirement. "My coach said the heptathletes reach their prime between the age of 24 and 27. He asked me to hang around at least for a couple of years as this period turned out to be the best in my life. Then we consulted doctors about my injuries. I am happy he convinced me," she added.

Despite pocketing two gold for her adopted state, Madhya Pradesh, at the Games, Swapna is not satisfied with her show. "I could not produce the desired results in all the seven events. You can see that as I was far off from my best in every event. The target I set could not be achieved and I hope I can do that during the Open Nationals in Bengaluru scheduled this month." She, however, said that winning two gold for Madhya Pradesh was the saving grace for her. Swapna topped three events – 100m hurdles and high jump on the first day and javelin throw on Tuesday – and was second best in shot put and long jump to insure against her weak efforts in the 200m at the end of the opening day and 800m, the final event of the competition.

The 2019 Asian Championships silver medallist said she gave her all in the high jump and could not recover in time for her pet event. "I do not have sponsors so I cannot afford to hire a dedicated physiotherapist. Besides, I reached the hotel after the high jump event late at night and cannot sleep properly. This also delayed my recovery. But you cannot blame anyone for that. I should have done adjustments. Anyway I am happy that set a National Games record in high jump," she added. Kerala's Bobby Aloysius (1.82m) set the high jump record in 2001 in Ludhiana which Swapna broke with an effort of 1.83m. Swapna has topped the 6000-point mark once, when she secured 6026 at the 2018 Asiad in Jakarta. She is confident that she can prime herself up to get the national record, pegged at 6211 points by JJ Shobha 18 years ago. "I know it is within my reach."

For now, she is focussing on the Open Nationals but her primary goal at the moment is the Asian Games rescheduled for the next year. "It's good to have competition time and I strongly believe that I can win another Asiad medal for the country."

The new-found confidence also means that she is not hanging her customised shoes, which she needs as she has six toes on each foot, anytime soon.

Lovlina and Jaismine have it easy

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THE 2020 Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist boxer Lovlina Borgohain walked into the ring amidst loud cheers here at the Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar on Wednesday.

Flanked by former World Championships medallist Shiva Thapa, Lovlina was getting ready for her first round bout when former Worlds bronze medallist Jamuna Boro, seated at the stands with the state contingent, shouted in Assamese which literally translated as 'you can beat her with one hand'. She was absolutely right as Lovlina, who is returning from a nose injury, started with a flurry of punches that connected right on Bihar's Nishi Bhardwaj face forcing the referee to stop the 75kg category bout inside two minutes of the first round. Nishi's short frame didn't help her cause either.

In the other bouts, Commonwealth Games bronze medallists Jaismine Lamboria and Mohammed Hussamuddin also registered convincing victories to advance to the next round of their respective weight categories at the ongoing 2022 National Games. In the women's 60kg category bout, Haryana's Jaismine dominated Telangana's Manasa Matterparthi in an unanimous 5-0 verdict.

Telangana's Hussamuddin, representing Services, also recorded a 5-0 unanimous win against his Uttar Pradesh opponent Satish Kumar. Speaking after his win, Hussamuddin said, "There was little time to specially prepare for the National Games, as we had the trials for the Asian Championship on September 15 and 16. The trials were organised soon after the CWG because of the National Games."

Hussamuddin was in Belfast, Northern Ireland training with other Indian boxers for the CWG when he was blessed with a daughter back home. Desperate to meet her, he first wanted to win a medal for the new-born at the Birmingham event. And he did exactly the same as the boxer returned with a bronze medal. "I spent quite some time with my daughter before the trials last month." He admitted that he played safe in the first round to preserve energy for the upcoming challenges. Rohit, who was also in action in the featherweight (57kg) category, came back from a sluggish start in the first round to register a 4-1 victory over Maharashtra's Rushikesh Goud.

3 gold for TN in squash

Tamil Nadu squash players won three gold, a silver and a bronze medal on Wednesday. Sunayna Kuruvilla staged a dramatic comeback to win the women's singles gold. Urvashi Joshi of Maharashtra won the first two games 11-9 and 11-7 but Sunayna found her rhythm to turn the final on its head. She conceded just 13 points in winning three games to clinch the gold.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

BIG WIN FOR NAPOLI

Barcelona suffered a setback while Napoli continued to turn on the style. A look at Tuesday's Champions League matches...

AJAX HIT FOR SIX

Napoli showed their capacity against Liverpool in a four-goal demolishing. On Tuesday, they enhanced their reputation with a ruthless attacking display away from home in a match 'that would have made Maradona proud', according to their coach, Luciano Spalleti. Europe, you have been warned.

BARCA IN TROUBLE

Three matches played, two matches lost. In third after another disappointing defeat, Xavi's men suddenly find themselves outside the qualifying spots. After going through their economic levers, it would be quite embarrassing if they fail to make the knockout stages. Now, they need win against Inter in the reverse fixture.

REDS TAKE BABYSTEPS

A clean sheet, a routine win and job done. Nights like these have been few and far in between for the Reds. Jurgen Klopp and Co. controlled proceedings remained untroubled against the Scots. With stiffer tests to round out the group, they will have to show similar guile in the matchday.

Napoli players celebrate after beating Ajax 6-1 in a Champions League clash on Tuesday | AP

- **Group A**: Ajax 1-6 Napoli, Liverpool 2-0 Rangers
- **Group B**: Club Brugge 2-0 Atletico Madrid, FC Porto 2-0 Bayer Leverkusen
- **Group C**: Bayern Munich 5-0 Viktoria Plzen, Inter Milan 1-0 Barcelona
- **Group D**: Marseille 4-1 Sporting Lisbon, Eintracht Frankfurt 0-0 Tottenham Hotspur

Football: India name 21-member squad for U17 WC

BHUBANESWAR : Head coach Thomas Dennerby on Wednesday named a 21-member Indian squad for the FIFA U-17 women's World Cup, scheduled to begin here on October 11. Hosts India have been drawn in Group A alongside USA, Morocco and Brazil. They will face USA on October 11, followed by matches against Morocco and Brazil on October 14 and October 17, respectively, at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

SQUAD | Goalkeepers: Monalisha Devi Moirangthem, Melody Chanu Keisham, Anjali Munda.

Defenders: Astam Oraon, Kajal, Naketa, Purnima Kumari, Varshika, Shilky Devi Hemam.

Midfielders: Babina Devi Lisham, Nitu Linda, Shailja, Shubhangi Singh.

Forwards: Anita Kumari, Lynda Kom Serto, Neha, Rejiya Devi Laishram, Shelia Devi Loktongbam, Kajol Hubert Dsouza, Lavanya Upadhyay, Sudha Ankita Tirkey.

Crucial series for South Africa

While all the focus is on the shortest format, India takes on South Africa in the first ODI in Lucknow on Thursday. A look...

EYES ON SAMSON

Since returning to India ODI side in West Indies, Sanju Samson seems to be in the scheme of things in the 50-over format. He recently captained India A in the one-dayers against NZ A as well. Against SA, it will be an opportunity for the wicketkeeper-batter to strengthen his foothold in this format.

CHANCE FOR MUKESH

Pacer Mukesh Kumar and batter Rajat Patidar have risen up the ranks rapidly in the last few months, thanks to their consistency in the domestic circuit across formats. Should they get a chance, especially Mukesh, it will be interesting to see how the step up and perform at the highest level.

VITAL SERIES FOR SA South Africa are placed 11 in ODI Super League standings and will have to win all the eight ODIs to directly qualify for the 2023 WC. Should they lose a few in the upcoming series, things might get tricky for them and they might have to play in qualifiers.

WEATHER WATCH The rain, though, could prove spoilsport. A current system means that there are chances of high rains during the match. There are chances that the match could be washed off also.

India vs SA, 1st ODI, Lucknow
LIVE ON START SPORTS FROM 1.30 PM

Shooting back in CWG fixture, wrestling not there in 2026 edition

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IN a big relief to India, shooting has been included in the fixtures for the next 2026 Commonwealth Games in Victoria. However, wrestling will not be part of the Games.

The Commonwealth Games Federation confirmed the development in a statement on Tuesday. To the much chagrin of India, shooting, which has been one of country's strong suits, was not included at the 2022 Birmingham Games.

However, another sport in which India dominate wrestling is not included. All 12 Indians, who had participated in Birmingham edition, had won a medal with as many as six returning with gold medal. This omission is a massive blow as far as the country is concerned.

According to the statement, the CGF said that "the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games would feature 20 sports and 26 disciplines, including nine fully integrated para sports".

Among the disciplines added, "golf, 3x3 basketball, 3x3 wheelchair basketball, coastal rowing, shooting, shooting para sport, BMX racing, Mountain Bike Cross Country, track cycling and para cycling track have been added to the already impressive sports line-up, while coastal rowing, golf, and BMX will make a Commonwealth Games debut".

EXPRESS READ

Manika & Co knocked out of TT Worlds

CHENGDU: The Indian women's team's campaign at the World Table Tennis Championship ended with a 0-3 pre-quarterfinals loss to Chinese Taipei here on Wednesday. The trio of Manika Batra, Sreeja Akula and Diya Chitale lost their respective singles to concede the Round of 16 tie.

India men's junior skeet team captures bronze

OSIJEK: India shotgun shooters won yet another bronze at the ISSF World Championship Shotgun in Osijek, Croatia, when the troika of Bhavtegh Singh Gill, Rituraj Bundela and Abhay Singh Sekhon defeated Slovakia 6-2 in the bronze medal match of the men's skeet team junior competition. This was India's fourth medal.

CHESS

Report claims Niemann has likely cheated in over 100 games

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THE cheating scandal surrounding Hans Niemann refuses to die. On Tuesday, the investigations on the American Grandmaster, conducted by Chess.com, contradicted Niemann's claims.

The website, in a 72-page document that was published late on Tuesday, held that the 19-year-old Niemann "appears to have cheated against multiple opponents in Chess.com prize events (beyond the Titled Tuesday event that Hans admitted to having cheated in when he was 12), Speed Chess Championship Qualifiers, and the PRO Chess League. We also have evidence that he appears to have cheated in sets of rated games on Chess.com against highly-rated, well-known figures in the chess community, some of which he streamed online". They go further in alleging that Niemann has "has likely cheated in more than 100 online chess games, including several prize money events." They also noted that Niemann is "the fastest rising top player in classical OTB chess in modern history".

However, the report didn't have any evidence to suggest that Niemann indulged in foul play in over-the-board (OTB) games, including against Magnus Carlsen at the recently held Sinquefield Cup. The whole furore began when Carlsen lost to Niemann at the Sinquefield Cup before withdrawing from the tournament a day later. It led to wild speculation, something that the Norwegian inadvertently promoted as he stayed mum on the matter. In a statement he published a few weeks later, he confirmed that speculation saying he believed that Niemann has 'cheated more' than he has admitted.

How did Chess.com arrive at the findings? "Other players, especially those that play at Hans' level, are much more sophisticated, and engage in "selective cheating," using a chess engine to give advice only in key moments, and often intentionally making sub-par moves to mask their engine use.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

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DAY'S DIARY

Talent show debuts

Pop Idol, British music competition television series created by Simon Fuller, which ran on ITV till 2003, debuted on this day in 2001

CREATING AN IDOL

The aim of the show was to decide the best new young pop singer in the UK, based on viewer voting and participation, and was an immense success when it got launched

BUILDING POPULARITY

Series judge Simon Cowell became a major public figure, and the show produced instant No. 1 chart hits, including for the first series winner Will Young

GLOBAL FANBASE

The show spawned a huge international franchise including *American Idol*, *Australian Idol*, *Canadian Idol*, and *Indian Idol*

Check out the events in the city

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A PEN mightier than persecution

Hermann Kesten award recipient Meena Kandasamy talks about public persecution, and building voices for socio-political issues

Call me names if it comforts you. I no longer care.

The scarlet letter is my monogram. I sew it on everything I wear, I tattoo it into permanence"

These striking lines of resistance make up the preface of anti-caste, feminist writer Meena Kandasamy's book *Ms Militancy*. They're bold and refuse to apologise, like the rest of her corpus shedding light on gender and caste subjugation. In some ways, they also embody the poet, who was recently awarded the Hermann Kesten Award by the German PEN Centre, an accolade for those who stand up for the rights of persecuted authors and journalists. Meena spoke to **Sahana Iyer** of *CE*, sharing her thoughts on the literary world in this political climate, cultivating a generation that speaks against injustice, and more.

You have mentioned to publications that this award came to you out of the blue.

I didn't know I was running for the award. You can't nominate yourself. I was just called and told that I had been considered and that I had won. I was not aware so the whole thing was a surprise and I didn't know what the award was. I was a bit disoriented.

You are no stranger to persecution and criticism for your works about caste and gender subjugation.

A lot of dissent is clamped down upon. There is fear of litigation or some kind of censorship. There is also self-censorship; people don't want to get into trouble. The most extreme form of censorship is the assassination of writers. Everything is a part of a spectrum, and somewhere on the spectrum is also litigation, arrests and political incarceration, trolling and character assassination. In a way, (what you say) is subject to something on the spectrum. I'm speaking for a lot of writers. (They wonder:) Is it worth it? What is the cost? Will I have to give up my life? We see that everyday — even as all this is happening — people are speaking out. The younger generation is quite vocal. You're doing this despite knowing the consequences because you cannot afford to be silent because then there is nothing challenging the dominating narrative.

What works of yours stand out to you in hindsight?

I'm not at that age yet. But in terms of my poetry, *Ms Militancy* was a definitive collection. It came out 12 years ago and was really feminist. I have watched over the years as it gets on university syllabi and young women come up to me and say they read it there. That it would become a cult feminist text is something I had no clue would happen, and so soon. *When I Hit You* also resonated with a lot of people, especially the way it deals with both domestic violence and marital rape. But my choice would be *Gypsy Goddess* as it addresses the question of land, landlessness, feudalism, oppression, caste, and communism. But I can't pick favourites, it's like asking a mother to pick a favourite child.

Cornelia Zetzche, the vice president of German PEN Centre described you as "a fearless fighter for democracy and human rights".

I'm a voice cultivated by the previous generation of writers. I see all of this taking place in absolute continuity. Scholar Anand Teltumbde (who is in jail for the Bhima Koregaon case) would ask me to write essays in my late teens and early 20s. Then there were writers like Gauri Lankesh who I never met but would text me on Facebook. And Arundhati Roy is very encouraging every time I meet her. It's from them that you learn how to be fierce and stand your ground. You also learn how to give space to the next generation, how to hear their voices and support (them). In that sense, if I am able to say these things today and stand up, it's also because it is very personal. Rao was like a hero, we read him growing up. The same thing happened with Gauri Lankesh, we were reading her work and then she got assassinated. It's happening to someone you happen to know. It's deeply personal, as much as it is political.

As someone who writes about caste and gender (among much else) and the intersection between the two, could you share your thoughts on intersectionality and its portrayal in Indian literature?

We don't have to get into jargon or say "Oh, I need to be intersectional". I believe that if you go on the field and see what is happening, with an open mind, you see these things for yourself. You see how being at the bottom of the caste hierarchy leads women to face greater oppression. During caste oppression, women suffer in more ways than men. Sometimes, I believe as a writer you can get a lot of theoretical grounding, can do a lot of research and have understanding. But as a reporter or storyteller, you have to go on the field. It will give you everything you will ever need to know. For me, I don't think that I am going to superimpose my ideas and reflect them in what I write.

And it is not just the intersectionality of caste. The war in Sri Lanka ended in 2009, and when you visit, you realise that women suffered far more than men did. And women from poorer backgrounds suffered more. The landless, widows, and women who were heads of families suffered more. So obviously, women as a category is not a homogenous one. Feminists don't claim it's homogenous and if they do, they're really wrong. I think that as much as it's important to understand it and articulate it on an academic platform, these are life lessons.

In a review of your book *The Orders Were to Rape You*, Feminism in India wrote: "Her own account of vulnerability while filming the women negates the idea that the perusal of truth — the quest men have monopolized for centuries — is an objective one." What is your view on objectivity in addressing socio-political issues?

I think I have to sometimes dispense with objectivity. If you are a woman — whether cis or trans — covering sexual violence, then of course you are outraged. You're outraged because it is happening to so many people. I think it is important to channel this outrage, whether you are a reporter, writer, poet, or spokesperson. I sometimes think that objectivity is glorified. How could you be neutral when there is violence, when someone is oppressed? You have to choose a side and I always do but you can't just choose sides because of affiliation. You have to do so based on where justice is and what the issues are.

One of the performances by children at the Amader pujo event | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Bengaluru turns Bengal ooru

EXPRESS FEATURES

THROUGHOUT the entirety of this week, the city has had a Sunday feel to it with the air heavy with festive fervour. Durga Pujo, Navratri and Dasara celebrations have returned in full swing, after two years of the pandemic.

In Jakkur, Amader pujo brought many Bengalis and Bengalureans together to partake in the prayers and cultural activities. Preparations began in June with **Riniki Ghosh**, cultural coordinator of Amader pujo, encouraging children to participate by personally visiting homes around the area. "Rehearsals on weekends extended for long hours. And as we got closer to the dates, we practised during weekdays as well," says Ghosh, an English teacher for over 25 years. The energy was palpable with a number of cultural activities lined up, including a music performance – vocals and harmonica accompaniment – by the members themselves. On Saptami, which fell on Sunday, children staged a performance – in a combination of Bengali and English — Roop Kathar Rajyo; Bangla Adhunik; which culminated in a dance performance.

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CITY READ

Bank organises award ceremony

Bank of Baroda, Bengaluru North Region, organised the 'Bank of Baroda Achievers Award' and awarded the top three students of MSR Institute of Technology. The bank took the initiative to recognise academic excellence and financially support the students. B Shivaram, deputy zonal head, Bank of Baroda, Bengaluru Zone, presented the cash rewards. The dignitaries present were Ramprasad B S, CEO of Gokul Education Foundation for Engineering and General Sciences, Ramachandra G, CFO of the same foundation, and Dr Shalini Nooyi, principal & dean of Ramaiah Medical College.

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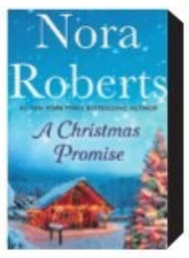
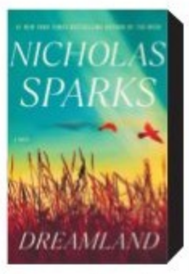


A Christmas Promise
By Nora Roberts

A 2-in-1 collection of stories about two people who have to face many obstacles and difficulties to achieve what they want in life.

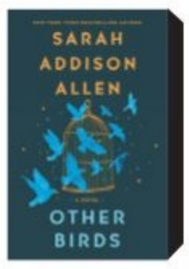
The Winners
By Fredrik Backman

This breathtaking story is the sequel to *Us Against You* and the last book of the *Beartown* series by author Fredrik Backman who continues the story with thriller, romance and suspense in people's lives as they try to overcome their past trauma.



Dreamland
By Nicholas sparks

A story about two aspiring musicians who fall in love with each other and a woman who flees from an abusive husband. The story brings many twists in romance, aspirations and heartbreaks in their journey.



Other Birds
By Sarah Addison Allen

The story follows the life of Zoey after she moves into the apartment of her late mother. She discovers the truth and the secrets the apartment holds within its walls.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Artisan Designs
Make your Diwali brighter by shopping handmade and planet-friendly crafts from top artisans across the country.

WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
WHEN: October 6, 10 am
DETAILS: allevents.in

Giggle Town
Have a gala time with some mouthwatering food as jokesters crack you up with their hilarious bits.

WHERE: Nirula's Indiranagar
WHEN: October 6, 8 pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Pick-a-Book
Explore a treasure trove of books of all genres by visiting the most awaited unlimited book fair.

WHERE: Shubh Convention, JP Nagar
WHEN: October 6, 10 am
DETAILS: 7780454974

Tribute Night
Enjoy delicious food and beverages and rock hard to the Eric Clapton tribute concert by the progressive rock band Eddy's Rays.

WHERE: Hard Rock Cafe, Bengaluru
WHEN: October 6, 9 pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Makeup Haven
Learn hairstyling and makeup tricks from well-known cinema makeup artists in the three-day workshop.

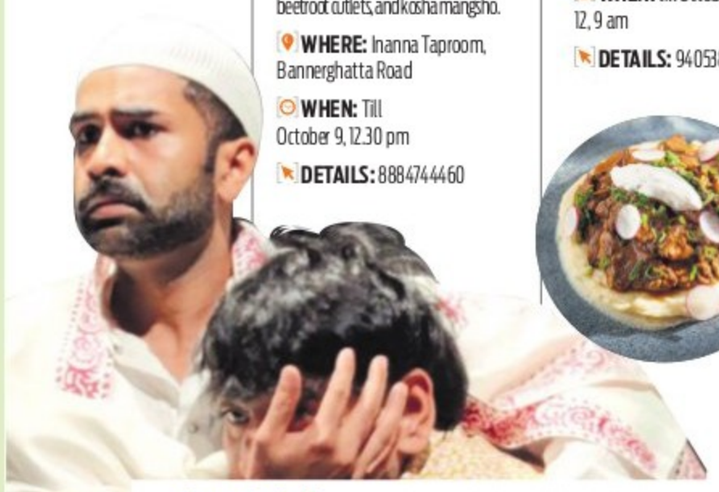
WHERE: Golden Metro Hotel, Seshadripuram
WHEN: October 6, 9.30 am
DETAILS: 9884683888

Flavours of Bengal
Enjoy a Bengali feast featuring dishes like shukto, mishti pulao, beetroot cutlets, and kosha mangsho.

WHERE: Inanna Taproom, Bannerghatta Road
WHEN: Till October 9, 12.30 pm
DETAILS: 8884744460

The Taste of Home
Impresario Handmade Restaurants is marking its 20th anniversary with a "20-year menu", highlighting the comeback of their brand's classic dishes.

WHERE: Smoke House Deli, Indiranagar
WHEN: till October 12, 9 am
DETAILS: 9405381368



Curtain Call
Come and witness the bone-chilling thriller show *Najoomi*, a psychological drama based in the 1980s.

WHERE: Vyoma ArtSpace and Studio Theatre, Bengaluru | **WHEN:** October 8, 4.30 pm | **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

FLAMBOYANCT ACTS

Snaps of Rambo circus performing in Kengeri, Bengaluru. From acrobatics to sword balancing, six jokers took turns to entertain the audience with their comical stunts and mimicry.

QUICK FIX

ITALIAN MUSHROOM CAPS

Contributed by **Surkhab Khan,** Lucknow

INGREDIENTS

- **Mushroom:** 200 g
- **Olive oil :** 1 tbsp
- **Onion :** 1
- **Bread crumbs :** 1 cup
- **Coriander leaves :** 1 tbsp
- **Pizza cheese:** 1 tbsp
- **Salt :** Salt To taste
- **Pepper :** 1/4 teaspoon
- **Vinegar :** 2 tbsp
- **Garlic powder :** 1/2 teaspoon

METHOD

- Wash the mushrooms and hollow them out by removing the stem. Scoop out a little more with a melon scooper.
- Whisk olive oil, vinegar, garlic, salt and pepper. Rub this flavoured oil on the inside and outside of each mushroom.
- Finely chop the mushroom stems and mix in the left over flavoured olive oil mix.
- Microwave 1 tbsp olive oil, chopped stems and onion for 2 minutes. Now add bread crumbs, coriander, salt and pepper, mix it well.
- Now add this filling in each mushroom . Pierce a wooden toothpick from the side of each mushroom and microwave it for 5-6 minutes. Then sprinkle grated cheese and microwave for another 30 seconds or till cheese melts slightly.
- Italian mushroom caps are ready, serve hot with your favourite sauce.

What's cooking in your kitchen?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com.

FIT BIT

PINDASANA SIRSASANA
(EMBRYO POSE IN HEADSTAND)

This is an advanced level supine variation of the Embryo Pose. it can also be called variation-combination of the above mentioned two poses. This inversion pose requires forearm strength, core strength and balancing of the body.

STEPS

- Start in Sirsasana (Headstand) with the similar steps mentioned in Headstand Pose.
- From this pose, fold your right leg from the knee and place it over the left thigh similarly, fold your left leg and place it over to the right thigh.
- Now, you can bring your lower body into Padmasana (Lotus Pose).
- Try to balance in Headstand Pose Lotus Legs.
- Then, inhale and while exhaling, bend your lower body down while being in the Lotus Pose.
- Make sure you are able to balance on the forearms when your lower body is moving forward.
- Now, deeply contact the stomach and get into the Embryo Pose.
- Hold this position for 6-7 breaths keeping the focus on your breathing and balancing the body.
- Now, with inhalation, you can bring your lower body up and release the Lotus Pose.
- Then gently bring your body down to further relax the body in Balasana (Child Pose) for 4-5 breaths.

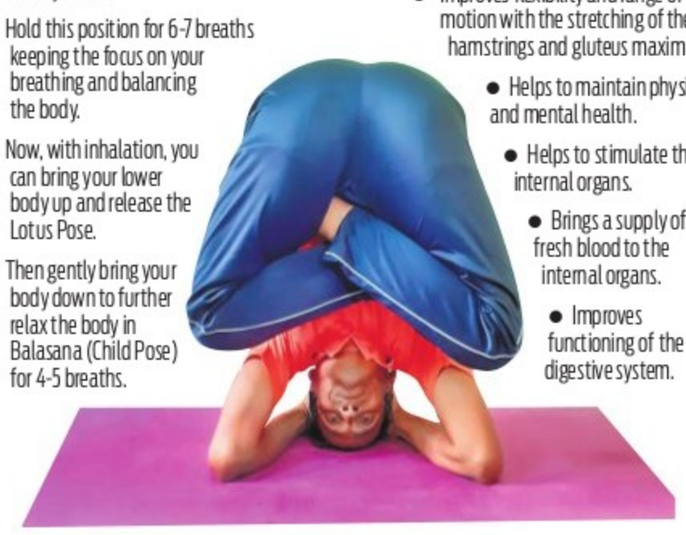
LIMITATIONS

People with injury or recent surgery in neck, forearms, back, hip joints, groins and knees should avoid this.

Requires advanced level of flexibility

BENEFITS

- An excellent hip opener, which mainly opens up the hip adductors and extensors.
- Strengthens the shoulders, upper back muscles, and abdominal muscles.
- Helps with blood circulation at the time of release.
- Improves flexibility and range of motion with the stretching of the hamstrings and gluteus maximus.
- Helps to maintain physical and mental health.
- Helps to stimulate the internal organs.
- Brings a supply of fresh blood to the internal organs.
- Improves functioning of the digestive system.



By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

VIKRAM (Tamil)
This action thriller is about masked organisation, that murders government officials. An undercover cop and his team are assigned to uncover the reason for a series of deaths that ultimately led to the gang's leader, Vikram.

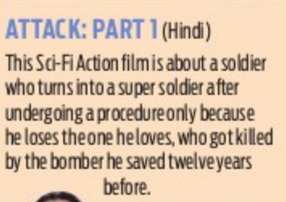
Cast: Kamal Haasan, Vijay Sethupathi, Fahadh Faasil
Watch on: Zee5

BABLI BOUNCER (Hindi)
A lady bouncer who hails from a village of bouncers pursues her dreams in a male-dominated profession.

Cast: Tamannaah Bhatia, Abhishek Bajaj, Sahil Vaid
Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

RRR (Telugu)
This grandeur action drama set in the 1920s is a fictional story about the two freedom fighters who leave home to fight against the atrocities of British rule for their homeland.

Cast: Ram Charan, Jr. NTR, Alia Bhatt, Ajay Devgn
Watch on: Zee5



ATTACK: PART 1 (Hindi)
This Sci-Fi Action film is about a soldier who turns into a super soldier after undergoing a procedure only because he loses the one he loves, who got killed by the bomber he saved twelve years before.

Cast: John Abraham, Rakul Preet Singh, Jacqueline Fernandez
Watch on: Zee5

HIT: THE FIRST CASE (Hindi)
This action thriller film revolves around an intelligent police officer suffering from trauma due to his past. The twist in the story occurs when he is assigned to investigate a missing girl case while at the same time his girlfriend gets abducted too.

Cast: Rajkummar Rao, Sanya Malhotra, Dalip Tahil
Watch on: Netflix

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

EK VILLAIN RETURNS (Hindi)
This action thriller is full of twists and turns when a singer disappears, and the blame falls on her boyfriend. The plot gets twisted when he crosses paths with a cab driver.

Cast: John Abraham, Arjun Kapoor, Disha Patani, Tara Sutaria
Watch on: Netflix

NNA THAN CASE KODU (Malayalam)
A former thief has to prove his innocence in this satirical courtroom drama when he gets labeled, as a thief after accidentally entering the MLA's house and getting bitten by his dog. He files a case against a public works minister for the pothole.

Cast: Gayathrie, Kunchacko Boban, Saiju Kurup
Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

FOREIGN

SPACE SWEEPERS (Korean)
Set in the future, the only thing that can bring life to Earth is a seven-year-old humanoid girl protected from space guards by a group of four space sweepers.

Cast: Song Joong Ki, Kim Tae ri, Jin Sun Kyu
Watch on: Netflix

THOSE WHO WISH ME DEAD (English)
This action thriller follows a little child who witnesses his father's death and flees into the Montana wilderness with a smokejumper to escape a couple of murderers hired to silence him.

Cast: Angelina Jolie, Nicholas Hoult, Jon Bernthal
Watch on: Netflix

THE WHEEL OF TIME (English)
A lady comes into contact with five young men and women in this high fantasy setting, where magic exists but is only accessible to privileged, handful marking the beginning of a dangerous, worldwide trip.

Cast: Rosamund Pike, Daniel Henney, Zoe Robins
Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

ETERNALS (English)
A team of ten immortal beings having superhero powers living on the Earth for centuries to protect humans from evil and dangerous beings from destroying the civilisation.

Cast: Angelina Jolie, Salma Hayek, Richard Madden
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar:	₹199 for 3 months
Zee5:	₹399 for 3 months
Prime Video:	₹179 per month
Netflix:	₹149 per month

HEART HEALTH

An overactive thyroid gland can increase the heart rhythm which can lead to heart failure

DR PRADEEP HARANAHALLI

THE thyroid gland is one of the important endocrine organs in our body. The gland secretes a hormone called thyroxine, which controls our metabolism. Thyroxine has a wide range of effects on several bodily functions including cardiac function. The level of the hormones thyroxine (T4) and triiodothyronine (T3) increases mainly when the thyroid gland is hyperactive, or when we have a hyperfunctional thyroid gland. Hyperthyroidism can expedite our body's metabolism which can cause weight loss and rapid or irregular heartbeat.

How does the thyroid gland affect our heart?

Hyperthyroidism can cause an increase in heart rate and abnormal rhythms, which can lead to heart failure. This abnormal heart rhythm is called atrial fibrillation (AFib). AFib causes an abnormal increase in heart rate,spiking from 100 to 150 beats per minute. As a result of rapid, irregular heartbeating, exhausts the heart muscle over a period of time and may reduce the pumping efficiency. At that point, we determine that the patient has heart failure. Such reduced pumping efficiency can be temporary and reversible, if recognized timely and treated. Else it can lead to permanent damage to the heart muscle.

Blood clotting

When a person suffers from atrial fibrillation, one of the causes can be an overactive thyroid nodule or gland. They will be prone to clot formation within the heart chambers, mainly the left atrium. The clot can migrate into the bloodstream andclog various blood vessel systems throughout the body. One of the most commonly-affected blood vessel systems is blood flow to the brain, leading to stroke. These are the main concerns about thyroid gland hyper function that increases the risk of cardiac problems.

(The writer is consultant - interventional cardiologist, Manipal Hospital Whitefield)

SYMPTOMS

- Palpitations
- Staring looks
- Bulging of the eyes
- Swelling in the neck
- Elevated resting heart rate
- Progressive weight loss despite having a good appetite
- Warm intolerance - Prefer cold substances compared to warm

PREVENTION

AVOID PROCESSED FOODS
Many chemicals might affect the thyroid's ability to produce hormones. Processed foods should be avoided since they are on the verge of causing thyroid disorders.

AVOID SOY
It is essential to limit your intake of soy, as it can fluctuate hormone production.

AVOID SMOKING
Smoking can cause the thyroid gland to become too sensitive, which can result in thyroid issues.

REDUCE STRESS
One of the leading causes of many illnesses, including thyroid disease, is stress.

TREATMENT

MEDICATIONS
There are medications that suppress the functioning of the thyroid gland. It can be used in consultation with a cardiology specialist

RADIOACTIVE IODINE
Iodine is a substance that is found densely concentrated in the thyroid gland. The ability of the thyroid gland to accumulate more iodine is utilised in the treatment of hyperthyroidism. Radioactive iodine can be used for controlled, selective reduction of thyroid function

SURGERY
This could be partial thyroidectomy or total thyroidectomy, to reduce the size of the hyperfunctioning thyroid gland. Women are considerably more prone to suffer from this than men, although it mostly affects adults in general. However, the risk of heart failure can be reduced to a great extent if we can recognise this condition early and take up the necessary treatment methods

NUGGETS

Site-specific drug delivery for cancer management and treatment

A site-specific drug delivery method using gold nanoparticles can improve management and treatment of cancer. As per the Ministry of Science and Technology, researchers at Amity University, Jaipur, have developed therapeutic agents with the help of nano-biotechnological approaches using a unique solution of 'gold nanoparticles' that helps to improve site-specific drug delivery for cancer disease management and its effective treatment. The study will open new opportunities for better cancer management and treatment, and pave way for future nanomedicine even beyond cancer. There are more than 200 different types of cancers which are currently being treated through surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy. Many of these cancers can be cured if detected early and treated effectively. However, the available treatments are time-consuming, expensive, and trigger numerous side-effects and the actual health benefits of the therapy do not reach the cancer patients effectively. IANS

Sierra Leone introduces HPV vaccine to protect girls from cervical cancer

The government of Sierra Leone has introduced the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to protect girls from cervical cancer, said a press statement by the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS). MoHS, with support from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, the UNICEF, and WHO, will administer HPV vaccines nationwide through schools targeting 153,991 10-year-old girls, who will each receive two doses over a six-month period, the statement added on Tuesday. "The Government of Sierra Leone wholeheartedly welcomes the introduction of the HPV vaccination drive and urges all to support girls aged 10 years to be vaccinated and thus preventing them from cervical cancer and its consequences during the course of their entire lives," said Minister of Health and Sanitation Austin Demby. IANS

Over 80% of Indians suffer from micronutrient deficiencies: Report

More than 80 per cent of the Indian population suffer from micronutrient deficiencies, contributing to compromised immunity, a report said on Tuesday. According to a consensus by the Consumer Health Division of Bayer, more than two billion people suffer from MiND (micronutrient deficiencies) globally, with nearly half living in India. "The doctor's consensus paper has identified a growing problem in India, with a majority of us at the risk of MiND," Sandeep Verma, Country Head, Consumer Health Division of Bayer in India, said in a statement. The consensus found that fatigue, insomnia, lack of energy, malaise, and loss of appetite are the first signs of hidden hunger, contributing to compromised immunity. Pregnant women are consuming less than 50 per cent of the required essential micronutrients, the report said. IANS

Why hypertension is on the rise among young adults

DR TAMEEM AHMED

GENETIC and underlying diseases, and lifestyle factors has led to one in every four individuals over 18 years of age suffering from increased blood pressure or hypertension in India. Men are more prone to get hypertension over women. Hypertension develops over a period of time and can be attributed to unhealthy food habits, poor lifestyles, excessive smoking, consumption of alcohol, tobacco use, lack of exercise and stress. Patients with diabetes and obesity are more prone to get hypertension. In the recent past, there has been an increase in youngsters who have ignored their hypertensive condition, and this has developed into chronic kidney diseases, renal artery stenosis and cardio and other vascular diseases.

Symptoms often include constant headaches, palpitations, giddiness, chest pain, shortness of breath, blurry vision, inadequate sleep, and high salt intake among others. If you experience any of these symptoms for prolonged periods of time, it is best to seek medical advice. Chronic hypertension could lead to increased blockages and weakening of arteries in the heart leading to stroke. It could also enhance the risk of kidney disease, and cognitive decline. It is therefore important to check one's blood pressure at least once in six months. Typical blood pressure reading for a healthy person should be 120/80 mm Hg and for those who have been diagnosed with hypertension, it is important that they target to maintain their pressure at least at 140/90 mm Hg. The upper reading is known as the systolic pressure, which is nothing but the pressure in the arteries when the heart beats, and the bottom reading is the diastolic pressure, or the pressure measured between heartbeats.

When taking blood pressure, one should put both feet flat on the ground and keep legs uncrossed. The blood pressure cuff should be snuggly, wrapped on the skin of the arm which should rest on a table at chest height. Make sure the blood pressure cuff is not too tight.

One is diagnosed as having hypertension based on a 24-hour average reading of 130/80 mm Hg, day-time average reading of 135/85 mm Hg and night-time average reading of 120/70 mm Hg. For a patient with hypertension, the force of the blood against walls of the arteries is consistently high, making the heart work that much harder to pump blood. Hypertension can be classified into primary hypertension, which develops gradually as the age of the person increases and secondary hypertension, which is usually characteristic in younger people caused by chronic kidney disease, hormonal imbalance, thyroid disorder, heart issues like narrowing of aorta, and overactive thyroid among others.

(The writer is chief cardiothoracic surgeon, Specialist Hospital)

MEASURES TO REDUCE HYPERTENSION

Weight management and rxercise: Ensure that sugar intake is minimal and completely avoid aerated drinks. Follow a proper diet which includes adequate intake of proteins, fruits, and green leafy vegetables and exercise for at least 30 minutes per day for five consecutive days of the week. Physical activities also helps to strengthen the heart.

Get adequate sleep: Lack of sleep often leads to anxiety and increases the risk of hypertension which could further lead to diabetes, stroke, and cardiovascular disease.

Avoid stress: Engage in destressing activities such as listening to calming music, laughter therapy, or a hobby that interests you such as gardening.

Limit salt intake: Increased salt consumption can lead to water retention, which could lead to high flow in arterial vessels putting pressure on the arteries and making the heart work harder to pump blood.

Alcohol and smoking: Avoid alcohol and smoking as also oily processed and canned foods.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, SHIFA ANJUM, W/o. Fayazahmad Makandar, Residing at Bharpeti Galli, Near Telephone Office, Muddebihal, Vijayapura, Karnataka - 586212 have changed my name from **SHIFA ANJUM MAKANDAR** to **SHIFA ANJUM** vide Affidavit dated 03/10/2022 sworn before Advocate and Notary Varija C.J., Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) YOUSUF JAMAL Residing at No. # 473, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Pillanna Garden, Bangalore - 560045 Have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) YOUSUF JAMAL** to **(NEW NAME) YOUSUFF JAMAL .J** Vide Affidavit Dated 04.10.2022 Sworn Before Notary M. RAJENDRA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JITESH C. SONIGARA S/o Late Champalal C. aged about 46 years, residing at No. 667/1, New 110/1, Sonigara Nivas, 9th Mian, 2nd Cross, 2nd block, Near Shanimathma Temple, BSK 1st Stage, Bangalore South, Banashankari, Bangalore-560050, have changed my name from **JITESH KUMAR C.** to **JITESH C. SONIGARA** vide Affidavit dated 28/07/2021 sworn before Advocate and Notary Mamatha N.K, Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, Mr. POLACHAN M.O, aged about 53 years, S/o Mr. Ouseph M.O, residing at No.46, Hennur Cross, Prakruthl Layout, Near Crystal Mansion Apartment, Bangalore-560043, I have declare that in my daughter Agnus Paul in Aadhar Card and Birth Certificate my name written as POLACHAN M.O, and SSLC Marks Card in my name written as POLACHAN, hereby declare that POLACHAN M.O, and POLACHAN, belongs to me only, and both name belongs to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit dated 03/10/2022 sworn before Advocate and Notary Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Shrilatha H.S., D/o H. Sathyanarayana Setty, and W/o. Radhakrishna Setty H.J., resident of #30, 1st Main, II Cross, S.V. Layout, Sanjay nagar, Bengaluru-560 094 have changed my name from **SHRILATHA H.S. to J.R. SRILATHA** vide affidavit dated 03.10.2022 sworn before Notary PUBLIC, K.P. Ramesh, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SUNITA JANGRA,** D/o Mr. Jagdish Chand, aged about 50 years, R/at # SMQ 897/4, Air Force Station, Jalahalli West, Bangalore-560015, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **SUNITA** and **SUNITA JANGRA** are one and the same and belongs to me only, now I have changed my name to **SUNITA JANGRA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUNITA JANGRA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 08-08-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **I. KANIKHA RAJA** at Bangalore.

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I, (OLD NAME) UMAYUN PASHA Residing at No. 238, 3rd Cross, Noor Nagar, Kolar, 563101 Have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) HUMAYUN PASHA** Vide Affidavit Dated 29 Sep 2022 Sworn Before Notary L. PUTTARAJU, Bangalore.

'I FEEL LIKE I'M MAKING MY DEBUT ALL OVER AGAIN'

...says Ramya as she talks about returning to cinema with Raj B Shetty's romantic drama titled *Swathi Muthina Male Haniye*

A SHARADHAA

RAMYA, who made her debut with Puneeth Rajkumar's *Abhi*, soon worked with the top actors of Kannada cinema like Shivarajkumar, Darshan and Sudeep, and was even known as the Sandalwood Queen. In addition to enjoying a fan frenzy in Kannada cinema, Ramya also had a dedicated fan following in Tamil cinema. At the top of her game, Ramya took a break from showbiz to concentrate on her political career. Now, after a decade, Ramya is finally back to cinema with her upcoming project, *Swathi Muthina Male Haniye*. Written and directed by Raj B Shetty, this project will be backed by Ramya's Applebox Studios, in association with Lighter Buddha Films. The film will have music scored by Midhun Mukundan.

In an exclusive interaction with *CE*, Ramya shared her excitement about her comeback film. "I'm really nervous, and I feel like I'm making my debut all over again. The beginning was an innocent step. There was no set formula, and at that nervousness was different. But now, there are a whole lot of expectations, and it is really scary. But I'm confident because of Raj and the story he has written. Being a first-time producer, I have been involved in the entire process, and we are confident about pulling off this rather unique attempt. Of course, there are butterflies in my stomach when I think of facing the camera after all these years," says Ramya.

Ramya's comeback also has Raj return to the romantic genre after delivering the hard-hitting and intense *Garuda Gamana Vrishaba Vahana*. So how did this interesting collaboration happen? "Even though I was in politics, the movie buff in me never went away. I was offered some good Kannada films then, but I had to turn them down. I was also approached by Hombale Films for Puneeth Rajkumar-Pawan Kumar's *Dvitva*. Appu even called me about this amazing project, but it didn't materialise. But Karthik Gowda (the executive producer of Hombale Films and heading KRG Studios) and I were in touch. He was the one who kept pushing me to return to films. However, when I started listening to scripts, I realised how certain aspects of cinema have changed, but the kind of roles written for heroines remained the same. I was very disappointed. I decided to wait it out, and look for the right project. Meanwhile, I reached out to Raj and shared my elation about his fantastic GGVV. He too mentioned that he was a big fan of my work, and his upcoming script would best suit an actor like me. Once I heard the amazing script, I knew this was the project I am returning with. I liked how he had two different and unique stories to tell in his first two films. I'm glad to be working with him for his third directorial outing, which also has him play the lead," says Ramya.

Swathi Muthina Male Haniye also has Ramya turning producer with this romantic film. "More than a romantic subject, it is about women's role in society. It is also about the concept of love, and how a lot of calculations are involved in its present form. Can we define love or not? Raj has conceived an interesting story around this concept, and I just wanted to be part of his vision."

The project is currently at the scripting stage, and the team are finalising the rest of the cast before going on floors by the end of this year.

Meanwhile, Ramya shares that *Swathi Mutthina Male Haniye* will not be a one-off project, and she is very much back to cinema. She will be part of three more projects in 2023. "I'm overwhelmed with the love I have been receiving from the people of Karnataka, who kept asking me about my return. When there is so much receptiveness from them, I thought why shouldn't I return, and well, here I am," she signs off.

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No one but Ramya can bring so much life to *Swathi Muthina Male Haniye*: Raj B Shetty

AFTER two successful directorials with the comedy-drama *Ondu Motteya Kathe* and gangster period film, *Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana*, **Raj B Shetty's** third outing is set to be in the romantic genre. "Every exchange of a human being will shape up their life. Even if we don't recognise the impact, it will definitely leave an imprint on each person. I always see a relationship like that. I was always in a space where two people meet in the strangest way possible, and there is a change in each of them. It might be the weather that brings the change. It might be what was said. That's the idea behind the title *Swathi Muthina Male Haniye*," says Raj.

How did Ramya come into the picture? "We are unconventional people, and there lies the beauty of this pairing. I didn't see anybody else, who could bring in so much to this character. Secondly, Ramya wanted to make a comeback, and she felt this space was best for her," he explains.

Talking about the women in his life, and their impact on his thinking, Raj says, "I was raised by my mother, and she guided my moral structure. I'm proud to say that I'm more feminine in nature, and that is probably why I connect with women a lot better. Even with *Swathi Muthina Male Haniye* and Ramya, I feel the collaboration is even more special because of our nature. She is such a big star, and I was doing something new in this film. We are an unconventional collaboration that is placed together in the right space, and I think we can bring in a new and beautiful colour to the art we will be putting out together.," he says.

Sushmita Sen to play transgender activist Gauri Sawant in web series?

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SUSHMITA Sen recently signed a web series produced by Deepak Mukut, which is set to go on floors by the end of this year. Meanwhile, the latest reports suggest that the actor has been roped in for another web series for Voot Select.

According to the buzz, the actor is reported to play transgender activist Gauri Sawant, who is the director of the *Sakhi Char Chowgi* organisation that helps transgender people and others with HIV/AIDS. She gained popularity after being featured in a Vicks ad.

The six-episode series is said to revolve around the ups and downs of Gauri's life and her relationship with her adopted daughter.

The project, produced by Arjun Singhh Baran and Kartik D Nishandar will reportedly go on floors by the end of November.

Madhuri Dixit buys sea-facing apartment worth ₹48 crore

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MADHURI Dixit recently purchased an apartment worth ₹48 crore in Mumbai's Lower Parel locality. As per a report, the apartment is located on the 53rd floor of Indiabulls Blu, a luxurious building complex.

The property was registered on September 28, 2022, the report added.

As per the Indiabulls website, the residential property is set in an area of 10 acre and offers spectacular views of the Arabian Sea.

It boasts of large swimming pools, a football pitch, a gym, spa, club, and many more facilities.

Madhuri signed the sale conveyance deed in September with the seller Calleis Land Development Private Limited, and paid a stamp duty of ₹2.4 crore. The flat is spread over 5,384 sq ft of area, and comes with seven car parking spaces.

On the work front, Madhuri will be seen in *Maja Ma*, which will be released on Prime Video on October 6. She was last seen in the web series *The Fame Game* and the film *Kalank*.

Priyanka Upendra, Priyamani, Chaya Singh come together for Gautam's *Khaimara*

CE FEATURES

PRIYANKA Upendra's upcoming film with director Gautam VP, finally went on floors on the occasion of Vijayadasami. Titled *Khaimara*, the project is billed to be a horror film, which also stars Priyamani and Chaya Singh in prominent roles along with Vinay Gowda.

Gautam, the nephew of noted filmmaker P Vasu, made his directorial debut with the Tamil film, *7 Naatkal*. Khaimara will mark his debut in Kannada. Backed by V Mathiyalagan, Khaimara will also have the producer play an important character.

The project has music by Guru Kiran, cinematography by Manigandan, and editing by Srikanth. The makers will begin shooting in Bengaluru on October 10.

Meanwhile, Priyanka has various projects including *Detective Teekshna*, *Life is Beautiful*, *Miss Nandini*, and *Ugravatara* in different stages of production.